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# King, Arafat discuss peace efforts

PLO leader pays tribute to King's role, wishes success for U.S. trip

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Monday held talks on the Middle East process and means of activating it, and both leaders underlined the need to maintain the distinguished Jordanian-Palestinian relations.

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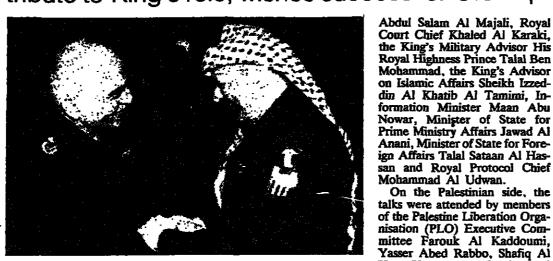
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. The King and Mr. Arafat, who arrived here Monday evening on a brief working visit, also dwelt on Arab and regional issues as well as the situation in the Israelioccupied Arab territories.

King Hussein stressed at the meeting that the Palestinian cause was a just one and was being received by the world countries with more understanding and sympathy and voiced confidence that it would eventually overcome all challenges facing it.

The King also emphasised that help the Palestinian people regain



His Majesty King Hussein Monday receives Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (Petra photo)

their full legitimate rights and seeks to establish a just, comprehensive and durable peace in the region.
The talks were attended on the Jordanian side by Prime Minister

Najjab and Mohammad Al Nashashibi, chief Palestinian negotiator Haidar Abdul Shafi, (Continued on page 10)

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On the Palestinian side, the

# Arabiyat says he got Majali's assurance on election legislation

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali (left) Monday meets with

Lower House of Parliament Speaker. Abdul Latif Arabiyat (Petra

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The government has not taken any decision to amend the Election Law and any such move would be adopted only after national consultations involving all sectors of the society, Parliament Speaker Abdul Latif Arabiyat quoted Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali as saying Monday.

Dr. Arabiyat, a leading mem-ber of the Muslim Brotherhood movement which opposes any amendment to the law without parliamentary approval, said he discussed the issue "in general" with Dr. Majali during a meeting at the Prime Ministry on Mon-

"The prime minister said the government had not taken any decision in this regard and that any move in this context would be preceded by consultations in which everybody would partici-pate," Dr. Arabiyat told the Jor-

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-ra, said Dr. Majali told Dr. Arabiyat that the new government, which took office late last month, was keen on "implementing the directives of His Majesty King Hussein as contained in the letter of designation."

The government of Dr. Majali is primarily entrusted with the

(Continued on page 10)

### Special committee said to recommend one-man-one-vote

By Salameh Ne'matt Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- In a move expected to raise political tension between the government and the political opposition led by the Islamic movement, a special committee headed by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Maiali Monday recommended amendments to the Election Law, introducing a one-manone-vote system, informed sources said.

The sources told the Jordan Times and the Al Hayat Arabic daily that despite threats of a possible boycott of the elections by the Islamic Movement, the committee had recommended one-vote system, cancellation of an article banning members of "illegal organisations" from running for Parliament, and reduction of the voting age to 18 from

The sources expected the introduction of the recommended amendments to the law after the return of His Majesty King Hussein from a trip he is scheduled to make to the United States next week to hold talks with U.S. President Bill Clinton and undergo medical tests.

Supporters of the one-manone-vote amendment described the move as "very daring" and that said it was bound to "put the new government on a collision course with the Islamic opposi-

According to parliamentary

Muslim Brotherhood Monday

was unable to break completely

free of its past right-wing connec-

tions with the dictatorship of

Francisco Franco, the party's

surge in support showed many

Spaniards were definitely unhap-

summoned several of its deputies in the Lower House of Parliament to discuss the impact of the expected amendments.

A leading member of the Brotherhood declined comment on the reported recommendation by the special committee, saying that no official decision has yet been announced about amendments to the Election Law.

Brotherhood leader and House Speaker Abdul Latif Arabiyat said Dr. Majali has assured him that no decision had been made and any such move would be preceded by national casultations (see separate story).

Dr. Majali said last week that

the government "may change" the law to adopt the one-manone-vote system. Deputies close to the government said Majali's decision was "in harmony" with the King's letter of appointment in which he called the new premier to "adopt all possible and appropriate measures to supervise the process of elections based on the constitution, which guarantees all members of the family, men and women, full equality in rights and obliga-

Unofficial studies have indicated that adopting the one-manone-vote system may reduce the Islamic movement's advantage of "transferring" votes and "carrying several candidate within the same constituency."

The proposed amendments are also opposed by several deputies from other political parties as well as would-be tribal candidates sources, the leadership of the who fear that such a change would weaken their chances.

# Royal wedding festivities start

AMMAN (Petra) — Celebrations of the wedding on Thursday of His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ben Al Hussein started Monday evening at the Royal Court attended by His Majesty King Hussein, Royal Family members and high-ranking officials and public figures. The celebration included traditional dabkeh dances, national songs and fireworks. Prince Abdullah will Thursday wed Rania Al Yas-

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NICOSIA (AP) - Iran, Turkey and Syria Monday discussed the plight of northern Iraq's Kurds but stressed the need to avoid the territorial breakup of Iraq, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported. Large Kurdish communities live in Iran, Turkish and Syria. These countries fear that a de facto Kurdish state emerging in northern Iraq could lead to the disintegration of that country and spur the fight for a Kurdish homeland carved out of Iranian, Turkish, Syrian and Iraqi territory. The official Iranian agency, monitored in Cyprus, said the discussing of the Kurdish issue took place during a meeting in Tehran of three countries foreign ministers: Farouk Al Sharaa of Syria, Hikmet Cetin of Turkey and Iran's Ali Akbar Velayati, "The aim of our efforts as been to defuse tension in the region and prevent Iraq's disintegration," Mr. Velayati was quoted as saying during the meeting. But Mr. Velayati also voiced concern over Baghdad's "repressive policies" against the Kurds in northern Iraq. The 20 million Kurds, an Indo-European race, are spread around five states -10 million in Turkey, 5.5 million in Iran, 3.5 million in Iraq, with small enclaves in Syria and the Soviet Union. They share a common language, related to Iran's Farsi tongue, and are overwhel-mingly Sunni Muslim.

### **GCC reviews** relations with Iran

RIYADH (AP) - Foreign minis-

ters of the Saudi-led group of Gulf Arab countries met Monday to discuss relations with Tehran following Iranian attempts to stage anti-Western rallies in Mecca, as well as other issues. Relations Between Iran and the Gulf nines of Cooperation Council (GCC) alliance — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates — have been steadily improving, with Sandi King Fahd preparing to host framan President Hashemi Rafsanjani. Gulf news agencies reported ahead of the GCC foreign ministers' meeting that relations with Iran were prominent on the agenda. But in a brief public address, the chairman of the group, UAE Foreign Minister Rashid Abdullah, sidestepped any mention of the Persian state. Arab diplomats interpreted this as an attempt by the Saudi-led part group to play down the Mecca incidents until Friday's Iranian presidential election, when Mr. Rafranjani - who favoures better ties with the GCC - is expected to be re-elected to a new tour-year term.

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# Jordan rejects Israeli claim of peace accord

Abu Nowar dismisses Peres' assertion as unfounded, reaffirms Kingdom's stand

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan Mon-resolutions that provide a Palestinian brothers and will conwas planning to conclude a separate peace agreement with Israel Abu Nowar's statement seaid. and described reports and claims the united Arab front and causing a breach and divisions among Arab ranks.

"Jordan absolutely rejects all unilateral deals and considers such claims and rumours as harming the united Arab'front," Minister of Information Ma'an Abu Nowar said in a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency.

"Jordan has long been warning against unilateral deals with Israel since such moves are totally contradictory to the Jordanian policy and th Kingdom's firm demand for a peaceful solution that should be comprehensive on all fronts and covering all questions put forward for negotiations since they constitute inalienable rights that cannot be compromthe statement said.

The minister's statement was an apparent response to a claim made by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres saying that Israel and Jordan had reached a peace agreement and all it needed was

to be signed. "The Jordanian government believes in a just durable and comprehensive peace that can ensure the return of all the rights to their legitimate owners as guaranteed by U.N. Security Council

ence for the peace process," Dr. just cause," he added.

He said that Jordan had been to this effect as aiming to shake seeking peace and offering evidence after evidence about its position and intentions, "but, in seeking peace, it can by no means cede an iota of its soil or rights."

\*Jordan believes in collective action with the other Arab comtries and in full coordination with them for the sake of attaining an honourable and just peace that can be acceptable to the coming generations," the minister said. The Jordanian government

believes that the Palestine problem remains the core and essence of the whole Arab-Israeli conflict and therefore without a just and honourable solution to this problem peace would remain void of its meaning and substance," Dr. Abu Nowar added.

"Jordan fully supports the Palestinian people until they regain their political and legal rights in their homeland," he said.

"In this respect, it shoud be said that the Palestinian people is the only party that is entitled to take a decision concerning their problem, but Jordan will continue to provide assistance to them until they attain their rights and regain their homeland," he

"Jordan will therefore exert all possible efforts within the coor-

day categorically denied that it framework and a terms of refer- tinue to provide backing for their

Jordan seeks the restoration of the full rights of the Palestinian people, including their lands and water, and the right of return of all the refugees and displaced people among them in implementation of international law, Dr. Abu Nowar said.

Jordan has been seeking a just and peaceful negotiation as the most effective method that can ensure the restoration of the Palestinian people's rights, he

He said that following nine rounds of talks Jordan had been able to reach an agenda for nego-tiations with Israel, but language problems still existed and this was still being negotiated.

"Although the agreed agenda has enhanced the basic principles which Jordan continues to adhere - like the land, the refugees and water - which this country considers as progress in the negotiations, this achievement can only constitute the beginning of the

negotiating process," he said. He said there was a great deal of basic issues which require addressing and which need time and perseverance and follow-up. For this reason, he added, these Jordanian issues are hard to objectively resolved without full Arab coordination and without a comprehensive solution for Spaniards back Socialists again—but with a warning MADRID (AP) - Spanish vo-ters have given the Socialist Party its fourth-straight term in office

but at the same time served

notice that they expect things to

be done differently this time

around. Allegations of corruption and a dismal economic outlook cut sharply into the majority Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez has enjoyed in parliament for the past decade.

The Socialists won only 159 of the 350 seats in the lower house Sunday in the closest election since Spain returned to democra-

cy 16 years ago. This is far short of the 176 seats needed for an outright majority, but the Socialists were nonetheless expected to go it alone and form a minority government, joining with smaller parties as necessary on specific votes. Mr. Gonzalez admitted Monday that the party had staved off its strongest challenge ever from the conservative Popular Party since winning a landslide victory in 1982.

"I want all the citizens to know

that I understand their message

should be taken precisely as a message for change — change within change," the 51-year-old Gonzalez told supporters. "Without a doubt, this is the

most open and hardest-fought election in Spanish democracy,

The Socialists won a working elections in 1989.

The Popular Party, meanwhile, made spectacular gains in parlia-ment, winning 141 seats, 34 more ing a trend in Europe of con-ment, winning 141 seats, 34 more

majority of 175 seats in the last

py with the Socialists' latest perclearly; that I know the triumph formance in office. Popular Party leader Jose Maria Aznar, 40, insisted the

than in 1989.

results at least demonstrated that the Socialists could no longer do as they wished.

"A new era has begun, the era of Socialist hegemony is over," Mr. Aznar said Monday. "From now on, nothing will be the

The election result, while buck-

dited socialist parties, confirmed Spain's gradual movement to-And while the Socialist victory wards a two-party system. indicates that the Popular Party

Together, the Socialists and the Popular Party won 300 seats while the third most-voted party, the communist-led United left coalition, was far behind with 18 seats. But this figure was four more than the group received in

The vote also bade a virtual farewell to Spain's only indisputably centrist party, the Democratic and Social Centre, which fell

from 14 seats to one. The country's two main regional parties, meanwhile, gained little or no ground. The centreright Catalan coalition Convergence and Union dropped one seat to 17, while the Basque National-. ist Party maintained its five seats.

# Arabs accept June 15 bilaterals

Combined agency dispatches

AMMAN — The Arabs will attend the 10th round of peace talks with Israel scheduled for next week, a senior Jordanian official said Monday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Talal Sataan Al Hassan said the foreign ministers of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and top foreign affairs officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) decided to participate in the next round of talks scheduled for June 15 in Washington.

"The ministers studied the issue and decided to respond positively," to Washington's invitation issued to the Arabs and Israelis on Saturday, Mr. Hassan

His comments, made to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, were the first formal confirmation that the Arabs will participate in the U.S.-backed negotiations that began 19 months ago.

On Sunday, the ministers issued a statement at the end a daylong meeting in Amman stressing their commitment to the Middle East peace process. But they failed to say clearly that they accepted Washington's invitation to the 10th round.

"The ministers have agreed to

consolidate contacts with the (American) sponsor during the remaining period for the start of the next round in order to guarantee that it will seriously intercede to achieve fundamental progress in the negotiations," the statement said.

Although the statement did not directly say the Arabs would return to the bargaining table, the PLO's de factor information minister, Yasser Abed Rabbo, told Reuters: "It was implied."

The communique appealed to the co-sponsors, essentially meaning Washington, to oblige Israel to end human rights abuse and comply with U.N. resolutions calling on it to exchange land in return for peace.

In the meeting, the ministers heard the Palestinians argue for a delay in returning to the next

Sources close to the conference said while the Palestinians sought American guarantees before going to the 10th round, the other Arabs wanted to attend the session with no preconditions. Speaking on condition of

anonymity, one source told the

Associated Press Sunday that

Palestinian demands included

American pledges that the Clin-

ton administration would play an

active role during the talks and would press Israel to engage in substantial negotiations with the Arabs. "We're calling on the Americans to undertake an honest un-

biased role as a mediator," said chief Palestinian delegate Haidar Abdul Shafi. The most important form of this honest and unbiased role is

that it enforces on the negotiating parties the respect of the basis of peace talks," he told Reuters.
Delegates said the Palestinians

did not want to seem to be rushing into the talks, particularly before a meeting planned for late Monday between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and His Majesty King Hussein.

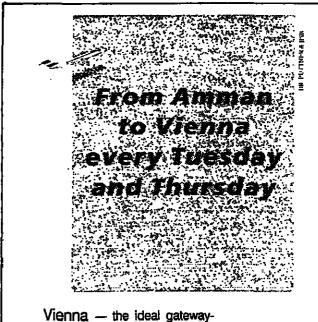
"In truth what was discussed at the meeting was the fate of the Arab World," Palestinian peace delegate Saeb Erekat told reporters after the marathon session. In comments later, Dr. Abdul Shafi said it was still unclear whether Palestinians would

"We are awaiting the American position and attempts to explore its view are needed through further contacts to see if there is anything new that would encourage us to resume participa-

attend the next round of talks.

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# Iraq boosts oil smuggling to Iran, Turkey, magazine says

The Associated Press

NICOSIA - Iraq is smuggling increasing amounts of oil an petroleum products to Iran and Turkey in defiance of U.N. sanction, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Mon-

The respected oil industry newsletter estimated that Baghdad is currently exporting more than 100,000 barrels a day to Jordan, Iran and Turkey.

Iraq is permitted by the United Nations to truck 50,000 barrels of crude oil and 20,000 barrels of fuel oil a day to neighbouring Jordan, the kingdom's only

source of oil. So that would indicate that some 30,000 barrels a day is going

to Iran and Turkey. The brief MEES report is the arst estimate of the volume of Iraqi oil involved in the crossborder trade with Iran and Turkey. It was not clear how much of the estimated 30,000 barrels is

going to Iran. The United States said March 50 that Iraq had made a "large shipment" of oil to Iran, accusing Tehran of breaking the embargo intended to force Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions. Iran de-

nied that. MEES, published in Nicosia, said Iraq last month boosted its oil production to 500,000 barrels e day, an increase of 50,000 barrels a day over April.

That would indicate that the cross-border oil trade is being conducted on a regular basis rether than the apparently haphazard shipments cited earlier by Western officials.

Before the sanctions were imposed in August 1990, after Iraq invaded Kuwait, Iraq was producing around 3.2 million barrels

KUWAIT (AP) — Seven Iragis

held in a deportation prison have

sewn their mouths shut to protest

bad food and demand better liv-

ing conditions, a parliament de-

parliament's interior and defence

committee, told reporters he saw

the men Sunday during a two-

hour visit to Talha detention pris-

Mr. Mnawer said the seven

inmates took needle and thread

to their lips earlier Sunday and

"Their friends told me they

didn't like the cooking and they

wanted newspapers, TVs and

indios, and their air conditioners

The makeshift prison holds 600

nen of different nationalities.

Lost are awaiting deportation for

not having the proper residency

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Aimad Al Humoud Al Sabah to

In February, parliament de-

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Abbas Mnawer, head of the

uty said Monday

Most of Iraq's current oil output is used for domestic consump-

Diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, have told the AP that although most of the Iran-Iraq trade is done on a barter basis, the Iraqis have sometimes insisted on being paid

That underlines Iraq's worsening shortage of hard currency. U.N. officials estimate that the sanctions have cost Baghdad nearly \$50 billion in lost oil revenues since they were imposed nearly three years ago.

The estimated 30,000 barrels of oil a day reported going to Iran Turkey is worth around \$540,000 at current market

Diplomatic and business sources told the Associated Press in early March that Iran was shipping food worth millions of dollars into Iraq in the sanctionbusting barter trade, which also includes Iraqi fertilizer and ce-

But well-informed travellers from Iraq said that Baghdad sells its produce in the barter deals at cut-rate prices, often as much as 40 to 50 per cent below market value. Whether that includes the reported oil shipment is not

The travellers say the trade with Iran centres on the border towns of Khisrawi, 130 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, and Khorramshahr, near the southern port city of Basra.

Western intelligence officials noted recently that as many as 200 trucks a day were hauling foodstuffs and other goods into Iraq from Iran and that volume was expected to increase.

The sources said that another crossing point at the Iranian bor-

Kuwait is trying to improve a

human rights record that has

been tarnished by the reputation

of the deportation prison, mis-

unfair trials of alleged collabor-

ators with Iraqi occupiers held in the months following the Feb. 26,

Mr. Mnawer said the seven

protesters were among 30 Iraqis

seeking political asylum. They

refuse to go back to Iraq because

the Red Cross is supposed to

The ages of the Iraqi prisoners

"But I have to say that their

ranged between 40 and 16, Mr.

living conditions are good and

they have water coolers, pillows

and covers," said Mr. Mnawer.

He said the food did not look

"I saw boxes of apples and

bananas, and the prisoners told

me they get eggs, bread and jam

for breakfast and rice with meat

building, which was built as a -- The legislator said prison of his conversations with the de-

treatment of Asian maids and

Iragis held in Kuwait protest bad food

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other countries.

Mnawer said.

close the prison and turn over the or rice with chicken for lunch."

whool, to Amnesty International officers told him it cost the gov-

### of Khosrawi, was also recently reopened. But it was not clear whether that is also being used to break the sanctions. The trade between Iran and Iraq, who were adversaries in the 1980-88 Gulf war, is apparently sanctioned by both governments despite increasingly fractious relations between them.

In recent weeks, Tehran has

twice mounted air raids on anti-

regime forces based in Iraq. On

March 13, Iranian warplanes

bombed a Kurdish guerrilla base

in northern Iraq and on May 25 two bases of the Mujahedeen-e-

Khalq, the main opposition

Iran claims the raids were in

retaliation for attacks on targets

in Iran by the Iraq-based rebels.

Baghdad charges that Tehran is aiding Shi'ite Muslim rebels in

the south and that Revolutionary

Guards formations have repe-

atedly thrust into northern Iraq

Despite the animosity, both

countries apparently find value in

continuing the illicit trade, Iraq

because its economy is in

creasingly falling apart because fo

the sanctions, Iran because it

does not want to see Iraq disinte-

grate. Iran's economy is also in

Both governments are also

considered hostile by the United

States and they may be willing to

cooperate with each other to

counter U.S. efforts to isolate

the U.S.-led alliance against Iraq, has been showing signs of impro-ving its ties with Baghdad recent-

Turkey, a key component in

The 1990 closure of two oil

export pipelines from Iraq

through Turkey has cost Ankara

ernment 36,000 dinars (\$126,000)

Mr. Mnawer said the Iraqia

most of whom lived in Kuwait

before the Aug. 2, 1990 Iraqi invasion, as well as the other

prisoners should be quickly pro-

tical asylum seekers, it should

grant them what they want," he

said. "As for the others, they

should be sorted out and the

They should either be sent to

Mr. Mnawer said about 70 de-

tainees were Iranians who snuck

into Kuwait in small boats and

were captured by police. The

bulk of the prisoners were state-

less Arabs. Some of them were

accused of collaboration with Iraqis, along with a small number of Palestinians held at the prison.

Mr. Mnawer said none of the

prisoners he talked to complained

of mistreatment and that he was

going to meet with the interior minister soon to give him a tape

tainees and letters from them.

place closed.

deported, he said.

"If Kuwait considers them poli-

cessed and the place closed.

a month to feed them.

poor shape right now.

against the Kurds.

KUWAITI GAMES: A detackment of U.S. MARINES, as part of a 4,200-strong contingent, arrive at Showeikh harbour, some five kilometres from Kuwait City Monday to John British and Marines, as part of a 4,200-strong contin

Kuwaiti forces for a weeklong air, ground and

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**Olympics** 

NICOSIA (R) - Iran wili

boycott the 1996 Olympic Games

in Atlanta if the United States

Vice-President Hassan

Ghafouri-Fard, whoi heads the

sports organisation, told Iran's

official newws agency IRNA that

the question of participation in

the games had not been discussed

But he "warned that if the

hostile stance of the United

States towards Iran persists, the

Islamic Republic will not partici-

pate in the 1996 Atlanta Olym-

Iran's Islamic leader boycotted

the 1980 Olympics in Moscow

and the 1984 games in Los

But President Akbar Hashemi

Rafsanjani in April accused the

United States of mixing sports

with politics after Iran said U.S.

officials refused to issue visas for

Iranian wrestlers who wanted to

compete in an international

States, hostile since its 1979 Isla-

mic revolution, have worsened

since President Bill Clinton took

office in January. Washington

brands Tehran an international

Angeles on political grounds.

pics." IRNA said Sunday.

in the cabinet yet.

maintains its "hostile stance,"

Iran's sports chief has said.

### Suspended Lebanese daily reappears on newsstands sion period under the name of

Beirut Al Masaa, a long-closed

newspaper whose publisher don-

ated his franchise to Al Safir.

Al Safir still is on trial for

publishing alleged Israeli propos-

als made during the ninth round

of Middle East peace talks outlin-

ing its conditions for withdrawing

from an enclave Israel occupies in

contended the proposals consti-

tuted a secret document dealing

with state security. If convicted, Al Safir could be closed for six

The latest government-media

skirmish came on May 28, when

the pro-Syrian Al Sharq daily was

closed. The order was rescinded

Al Sharq was suspended for

publishing a cartoon critical of

President Elias Hrawi, who per-

sonally intervened to revoke the

suspension order on the grounds

the offence was not a state secur-

Mr. Hrawi was elected presi-

dent Nov. 24, 1989 with strong

Syrian backing. The Syrians, Lebanon's main power brokers,

also backed the choice of Rafik

Hariri, a self-made business ty-

coon, for prime minister last Oct.

31 to try to shore up Lebanon's

fuelled demands by the syndi-

cates of publishers and news re-

porters for amending Lebanon's

press law to make certain that no

The press suspensions have

economy.

Justice Minister Bahij Tabbara

South Lebanon.

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itv affair.

BEIRUT (AP) — Opposition newspaper Nidas Al Watan reappeared on Beirut's newsstands Monday after a five-week suspension that fuelled fears the government was trying to muzzle the

A court last week terminated Nidaa Al Watan's suspension, but ruled that it still will go on trial on charges of instigating sectarian

Nidaa Al Watan was closed April 30, a day after its twin television station the Independent Company Network (ICN) was shut down. ICN is still off the

The two outfits were accused by the Justice Ministry of "instigating the sectarian hatreds that helped fan the flames of the civil war," a charge that carries a maximum penalty of indefinite

Both are owned by right-wing Maronite Catholic billionaire businessman Henri Sfeir, a presidential aspirant who failed to win a parliament seat in Lebanon's ast general elections in Septem-

since the eruption of the 1975-1990 civil war. Lebanon boasts the freest media in the Middle The leftist daily Al Safir, which

Their closure marked the first

crackdown on news organisations

has been critical of the government's performance on post-civil war reconstruction, was closed for a week in May.

But it beat government orders by publishing during the suspen-

### news outfit could be closed beoutlaw, Iran calls the United fore trial and conviction. States a bully.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. Security Council adopted a resolution Sunday calling for punishment of those responsible for attacks on U.N. peacekeepers Following

The Security Council... Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, 1. Strongly condemns the unprovoked armed attacks against the personnel of the U.N. Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) on 5

June 1993 which appear to have been part of a calculated and premeditated series of ceasefire violations to prevent by intimida-tion UNOSOM II from carrying out its mandate as provided for in Resolution 814 (1993),

movements and factions, in

of the report of the secretarygeneral of 3 March 1993, and of neutralising radio broadcasting

4. Demands once again that all Somali parties, including movements and factions, comply fully with the commitments they have undertaken in the agreements they concluded at the informal preparatory meeting on Somali political reconciliation in Addis Ababa, and in particular with their agreement on implementing the ceasefire and on modalities of

5. Reaffirms that the secretarytheir actions and their arrest and detention for prosecution, trial and punishment,

6. Requests the secretary-general urgently to enquire into the incident, with particular emphasis on the role of those factional leaders involved,

UNOSOM II contingents to meet the full requirements of 28,000 men, all ranks as well as equipment, as indicated in the secretary-general's report. 8. Urges member states to contribute on an emergency basis, military support and transportation, including armoured personnel carriers, tanks and attack helicopters, to provide UN-OSOM II the capability appropriately to confront and deter armed attacks directed against it

9. Further requests the secretarygeneral to submit a report to the council on the implementation of the present resolution, if possible within seven days from the date of its adoption.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Syrian minister likens Israel to Nazis

DAMASCUS (AP) — Information Minister Mohammad Salman on Monday likened Israel's policies toward Arabs in the occupied territories to those of the Nazis. Inaugurating a two-day conference of Mediterranean news agencies, Mr. Salman said Israel acts as "though it is above international law." It was one of the harshest statements made by Syrian officials against Israel since the start of the Middle East peace process. "Israeli brutal practices and iron fist policy are reminiscent of Nazi methods." Mr. Salman said. "Peace runs counter to occupation and repression." He urged cooperation among Mediterranean nations for "establishing peace in the region and eliminating phenomena of aggression and hegemony all over the world." A number of news agencies were attended the meeting. They included some European agencies such as ANSA of Italy, Agence France Presse and Spain's EFE.

### 35 heads of state to attend June 28 OAU summit

CAIRO (AP) — Thirty-five African heads of state have so far agreed to attend the June 28 Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Cairo, Foreign Minister Amr Musa said Monday. The OAU has 51 members and Mr. Musa said that it was possible that the number of attending heads of states will increase. The OAU holds a summit annually. It is being held in Cairo because President Hosni Mubarak has been chosen as head of the organisation for the

### Djibouti said refusing to admit rescue ship

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PRAGUE (R) - The Czech Foreign Ministry said Monday a Czech merchant vessel which rescued 32 shipwrecked Somalis was stranded off Djibouti with meagre supplies after being denied access by port authorities. "It is unclear why the Djibouti authorities have refused to let the ship in." ministry official Jan Hlousek told Reuters. "They are probably afraid that the ship is bringing in refugees." He said the Czech ship Otava rescued the Somalis, including two pregnant women and a child, from a vessel which was on its way from the Kenyan port of Mombasa to Djibouti, and sank in the Gulf of Aden Friday. The Otava first tried to land at Aden in Yemen but it was denied access by the port authorities. "The Czech republic has passed an official note to France who has a large embassy in Djibouti asking to help," Hlousek said. "If our ship is not admitted in the port by Tuesday, will run out of its food and water supplies and will have to declare a state of emergency." The Czech ship, which had a crew of 26 was anchored 12 miles off Djibouti, he said.

### Algeria-Morocco frontier to be fixed in 1993

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria expects to definitely fix its frontier with Morocco within the next six months, the interior minister said Sunday, "Contacts are currently being made with Morocco to determine before the end of the year the demarcation line separating the two countries," Mohammad Hardi said, quoted by the official news agency APS. Morocco finally ratified the convention determining the 1,200-kilometre frontier last June, 11 years after it was signed by King Hassan and Huari Bournedienne, then president of Algeria. Algeria ratified the convention in 1973 but Morocco held back because of Algeria's support for Polisario Front guerrillas fighting for independence in the Western Sahara.

### Romania sends military hospital to Somalia

BUCHAREST (R) — Romania will send a military hospital and medical staff to Somalia this week to aid both United Nations peacekeeping forces and civilians there, a Romanian official said Monday. "A fully-equipped military hospital is now being loaded on a ship in the Black Sea port of Constanta, ready to sail to Somalia as part of Romania's support for the UNOSOM (U.N. Operation in Somalia)," Defence Ministry spokesman Colonel Ion Moise told Reuters. Col. Moise said some 230 medical staff including 105 military doctors would staff the 100-bed field hospital and provide medical assistance to both U.N. peacekeepers and civilians in Somalia.

### Shell to help study gas development in Iran

NICOSIA (AP) - Tehran's state-owned National Iranian Oil Company and the British-Dutch Shell group have agreed to conduct a six-month study on the development of Iran's North Pars gas field, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Monday. The respected weekly newsletter said the field, in shallow waters in the Gulf facing the Iranian coast near the southern city of Kangan, contains estimated reserves of some 1.4 trillion cubic metres of dry gas with little condensate.

### Court will not reinstate Vincennes case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The supreme court refused Monday to reinstate a lawsuit against the federal government by families of people killed when the USS Vincennes shot down an Iranian airliner over the Gulf in 1988. The court, without comment rejected the relatives' argument that the United States was not at war with Iran and therefore is not immune from lawsuits over combat injuries. All 290 people aboard the Iran Air jet were killed when crew members of the American cruiser USS Vincennes mistook the plane for an Iranian fighter and shot it down July 3.

### Iran seeking to set up regional airline

NICOSIA (R) — Iran Monday proposed the formation of a joint airline with Turkey. Pakistan, Afghanistan and six former Soviet republics, its IRNA news agency said. IRNA quoted Akram Naji. an Iranian civil aviation official, as saying Iran made the proposal to its partners in the 10-member Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) at the opening of a two-day meeting of their air transport officials in Tehran., Ms. Naji said the other members welcomed the idea of setting up the company, which would be called "Ecoair," in Tehran. She said it initially would handle trade and carry mail among the 10 members and later expand to other countries. IRNA reported. ECO was founded by Iran, Pakistan and Turkey in 1965. Joined last year by Afghanistan and the former Soviet republics of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, it groups 300 million people from Europe to China.

# NAIROBI (R) — Belligerent

warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed, whose followers are blamed by Pakistan for killing 22 peacekeeping troops, has been called by diplomats the biggest obstacle to peacekeepng efforts in Somalia.

Shortly after the clashes. General Aidced went on radio and accused U.N. forces of alling and wounding large combers of civilians. "It is unfortunate that these

people, including women, chiliren and others, were fired on v UNOSOM (U.N. Operation in Somalia) and many c'ed, while others were injared," Gen. Aideed said. Pakistani forces who commit-

"Members of the U.S. and and this ugly act also died and

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Aideed — a thorn in others were injured."

He ended his address by "advising UNOSOM to remove its forces from the places they captured today and other sensitive places where people

These include the police command centre, a former Somali army headquarters, and the centre of the city.

Pakistanis and 23 Somalis underlined the Horn of Africa country's turbulence and the dominant role Gen. Aideed, a former army officer and diplomat who invaded from Ethiopia in late 1990 to fight dictator Mohammad Siad

Siad Barre had fled and Gen. Aideed's ally, Ali Mahdi

himself president.

The deaths of at least 22 Mogadishu.

But by the time he reached Mogadishu early in 1991, Mr.

.N.'s flesh Mohammad, had declared

> Gen. Aideed's resentment of Mr. Ali Mahdi led to a clan war which killed an estimated 30,000 people in four months of heavy fighting and a famine which claimed 10 times that

number of lives. When a small contingent of Pakistani troops was sent last year to try to open up food corridors, they were held virmal prisoners by Gen. Aideed's forces until an American-led multinational force landed on the beaches of

Gen. Aideed is the most powerful warlord in the coun-

### Excerpts from U.N. resolution on Somalia accordance with paragraphs 56-59

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BACCALAUREATE RECEPTION: Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath and Prince Edward of England Monday attend a reception at the Amman Baccalaureate School hosted by the office of the Crown Prince Award at the end of a two-day meeting held to discuss the award programme The Princess and the Prince were welcomed in an address delivered by school principal Samia Al Farah. The guests later viewed a slide show depicting the development of the Crown Prince Award and its programmes, which were launched at the Baccalaureate School in 1984. At the recep-

tion, the school shield was presented to Prince Edward. Princess Sarvath and her guest later inspected an exhibition of photographs displaying various sports activities performed by the participants in the award programme, including mountain climbing. They listened to the Public Security Department Brass Band which performed various pieces. Among those present at the reception and the exhibition were Sharifa Zein Bint Nasser, Minister of Youth Abdullah Oweidat and several ambassadors and officials.

Japan grants

in food aid

UNRWA \$9m

AMMAN (J.T.) — The govern-

ment of Japan Monday, decided

to extend \$9 million in a grant to the United Nations Relief and

Works Agency (UNRWA) for

the purchase of about 18

thousand tonnes to be distributed

This aid is a part of Japan's annual regular food aid to UN-

RWA since 1953 to relieve the

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It has so far amounted to over

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### Germany appraises technical aid to Jordan

ember German team of officials led by Gerdrobert Liptan Monday opened talks with Jordanian government officials to appraise Bonn's technical and capital aid to Jordan.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that the team met with Ministry of Planning Secretary General Safwan Touqan and a team from the ministry.

agricultural and water projects. schemes being funded under a Jordanian-German technical and

Discussions focused on Germany's technical aid to Jordan's Review was made of current

The talks, which continue Tuesday, will also focus on means of utilising funds earmarked for Jordanian projects during 1993.

Feasibility studies on these projects have been prepared by the ministry of planning in cooperation with the concerned departments in Jordan.

The German team groups representatives of the German Foreign Ministry, the German Development Bank, the German Agency for Technical Cooperation, as well as the German Ministry for Economic Coopera-

### capital agreement, as well as the tion. **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Egyptian, Lebanese foreign ministers leave for home

AMMAN (Petra) - The foreign ministers of Egypt and Lebanon Amr Musa and Fares Bouez left Amman for home Monday morning after taking part in the Arab parties coordination meeting in Amman Sunday. Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa, who also took part in the meeting, had left for home Sunday evening.

### Minister discusses labour issues with officials

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Labour Khaled Ghzawi met in his office Monday with the directors of labour departments and discussed questions related to unemployment, foreign labour, and the needs of the Jordanian labour market. The minister listened to a briefing by the various directors about the general difficulties they face and their needs in carrying out their duties. The positive and negative aspects of employing guest workers in Jordan were fully examined at the meeting.

### Education panel to review math, science text publishing

AMMAN (Petra) - The Education Council of the Ministry of Education will hold a meeting Tuesday, presided over by Minister of Education and Higher Education Khaled Al Omari. Ministry sources said that the question of cooperating with foreign publishing houses to print mathematics and science books will be among the main topics discussed. Also on the agenda is the teaching of French at the primary level in government schools.

### fragi envoy meets ministers

AMMAN (Petra) — The Iraqi ambassador to Jordan Monday called on Justice Minister Rateb Al Wazani and Minister of Social Development Mohammad Sqour. He discussed with them Iraqi-Jordanian cooperation in justice and social development affairs.

### 37,681 slaughtered sheep arrive from Saudi Arabia

AMMAN (Petra) — Seventy-five refrigerated trucks hauling slanghtered sheep during the Eid Al Adha ceremonies in Saudi Arabia arrived in Amman Sunday for distribution to the needy in Jordan, Faisal Khasawneh, a governor at the Ministry of Interior and head of a committee supervising the distribution, said the 37,681-sheep will be distributed to poor families in the Amman, Balqa, Maan, Mafraq, Irbid, Karak, Zarqa, and Tafileh governo-

### Greek economic team to visit Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) - A Greek economic delegation led by the president of the Arab Greek Chamber of Commerce will visit Jordan by the middle of June. The delegation is expected to hold two-day meetings with several Jordanian businessmen on promoting trade ties between Jordan and Greece.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

- Art exhibition by Lebanese artist Shukrallah Fatonh at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by artists Nawal Kattan and Dodi
  Tabbaa at the French Cultural Centre.
- $\star$  Exhibition of works by more than 40 plastic artists from Iraq at Alia Art Gallery. ☆ Photography exhibition entitled "Scenes from Palestine" at the
- Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Art exhibition by Marianne Nacrobout at the British Council.

### FILM

☆ English-subtitled German film entitled "Die Verlorene Ehre Der Katharina Blum" at 7:30 p.m. at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation's Scientific and Cultural Centre (1975,

# Experts delve into Amman society

Identity continues to surface in exploring various fields

By Sausan Ghosheh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The growth of Amman into a large urban centre is accompanied with many of the problems of such cities, including the lack of homogeneity, the dis-paraties between rich and poor and the rapid population growth, participants in the conference, "Amman: the City and the Socie-ty," concurred Monday.

The second day of the confer-ence, held at the University of

Jordan and organised by CER-MOC, the French Centre for Research on the Contemporary Middle East, discussed the "Ammani" society after spending the previous day tackling the history and morphology of the city, attempting to bring together

city and society.

The first session, entitled "Population and Family in the Context of Rapid Urbanisation," addressed migration trends and population growth in Amman: the family structures; the urban context of health during an economic crisis; and the absence of

play spaces for children.

"Amman is a city of refugees and immigrants," said Musa Samaha, professor of population studies at the University of Jordan. It has grown from a city of a few thousand to one with a population exceeding one million in less than 120 years, said Dr.

This rapid population growth, he explains, is largely due to the influx of immigrants to the city. including Palestinians, Circassians, Syrians, Lebanese, Armenians and rural Transjordanians.

The high natural growth rate is another contributing factor to the distorted population growth, Dr. Samaha added, explaining that despite living in the cities, the immigrants maintained their traditions and customs regarding "high fertility.

Francoise De Bel Air, a researcher at CERMOC, questioned RWA several forms of financial one of the themes stressed Sunday regarding the dichotomy between east and west Amman. Her study on the family struc-

tures of Jordan understates the east-west dichotomy and instead reveals two extreme types of family structures: One can be found in the northwestern part of Amman and the other is prevalent throughout the rest of the city, she maintained.

In northwest Amman, the families are smaller in size, the category below 15 years of age constitutes less than 40 per cent of the population, the elderly compose a significant percentage of the residents, nuclear family homes are predominant and females exceed males in number. Ms. Bel Air said.

The rest of Amman on the other hand, she added, has a larger family size, a higher percentage of individuals below the age of 15, a smaller percentage of elderly, and a larger male popula-

But, Jocelyne De Jong, a representative of the Ford Foundation and a speaker at the same session, returned, in her study on health during economic crises, to suggest an east-west dichotomy, stressing the economic disparities between the two regions.

Ms. De Jong spoke of the improvement in health facilities and situations during the economic boom of Jordan in the 70s and early 80s, which was also a period when the gap between the rich and the poor widened.

The recession and the inflation of the 80s decreased the real income of the population and malnutrition and morbidity worsened, she said.

The east part of Amman was affected by the economic crisis in terms of the health environment, Ms. De Jong stated. Doctors moved west where residents are more able to pay for services, she

There are great "disparities in quality care and access" to health services between west and east Amman, Ms. De Jong main-

The lack of play space for children, was the subject of the paper presented by Leila Bisharat, a United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) official.



In 120 years Amman's population rose from a few thousand to over one million (File photo)

She asserted that the planning Amman was done with adults in mind, neglecting the needs of children. "We live in an area where children are not thought of, but parking is thought of and traffic is thought of."

The presence of play space is important for the physical de-velopment of the child, Dr. Bisharat said, indicating a need for a shift from focusing primarily on infant mortality to addressing issues of child health and development.

Children's play space is found more in western Amman than in eastern Amman, but some upgrading projects in the east improved the situation, thus, Dr. Bisharat called for more upgrading projects in the area.

The second session, entitled "Urban Space and Social Groups: Cases from Amman," addressed three of the social groups composing Amman, talking about the sense of belonging, homogeneity and identity of such groups.

Aseel Sawalha, a professor of anthropology at Yarmouk University, spoke of the dual identity of Palestinian refugees, carrying both a Jordanian passport and a refugee card.

She said Palestinian refugees still identify with the villages of their origin and yearn to return to them. They describe their native villages in detail, as if they were looking at them, she added.

The refugees, however, do not identify with Amman as their city; their sense of belonging does not extend beyond the neighbourhood or camp they are living in, Dr. Sawalha said.

She stressed the role women play in the camp to reproduce the Palestinian identity through their traditional clothing and maintaining the dialect of their villages.

Anna Ohannessian-Charpin of CERMOC spoke on the development of the Armenian community in Amman, who, when they first came to the city, had nothing in common but their origin and cultural identity. Institutions such as the church,

the school and clubs gave Armenians the label of a community and spatially marked their presence, she said. The development of economic networks enabled Armenians to stay in Amman, as well as created certain solidarity links and contacts with the wider society of the city, Ms. Ohannessian-Charpin added.

An Ammani identity, she stated, could be developed among the third generation of Armenian immigrants; it was not detected among the first and second.

Seteney Shami, a professor of anthropology at Yarmouk University, said that Circassians stress the Ammani identity as a feeling of their belonging to Jordan. The Circassian conviction of

having established Amman

alienable rights to citizenship, she

Dr. Shami also spoke of existing differentiations between dialect groups of Circassians, the causes of which are cultural, the time of settlement in Jordan, and the area of settlement - Amman

or a village. Those who settled in Amman, showed signs of assimilation into the Arab community, such as intermarriage and patterns of dressing. In addition, this group of Circassians waspoliticallymore powerful than those living in Jordanian villages.

Discussion at the conclusion of the second day of conference again raised the issue of the homogeneity of Amman and the east-west dichotomy.

Taleb Rifai, professor of architecture at the University of Jordan, expressed concern over what he saw as cultural differences between east and west, in terms of outlook and behaviour.

He is looking forward to the placing of activities in downtown Amman, which will attract people from the east and west hoping that this will bring them together.

The conference, co-sponsored by CERMOC, the Department of Architecture and the Agha Khan Unit for Architecture at the University of Jordan, will continue Tuesday, discussing the economy and society of the city, and the politics and policies of Amman.

# Government endorses new decentralised purchase policy

department to give preference to

locally-produced materials and

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government has just endorsed a new department to give preference to system for governing the purch-

Considered an update to the 1978 system, the new plan caters to new developments, according to Abdul Hamid Hiyari, director of the Government Procure-

ment Office.

ases of various equipment for its offices in various departments.

In a statement to the Jordan

equipment provided they meet quality standards and specifica-The new system falls within the guidelines of the reforms being

introduced to the public organisation in Jordan, said Mr. Hiyari. Among the features of the new plan is the expanded authority News Agency, Petra, Mr. Hiyari given to each department to said the amended system makes it

unknown decentralised policy, said Mr. Hiyari.

He said the new system stipulates the announcement of tenders to invite bids from local bidders and defines procedures for delivery and payment for the materials.

Furthermore it provides for training courses for new civil servants employed in the purchases

# Gift of French teaching aids to University of Jordan forms nucleus of new library

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Modern Language Centre at the University of Jordan Monday received as a gift a collection of French books, dictionaries and teaching aids from the French Govern-

The gift was presented by French Cultural Attache in Jordan Filipe Cardinal to University of Jordan President Fawzi Gharaibeh who voiced the university's appreciation.

University sources said that the gift together with a donation of 2,500 French books and tapes presented earlier to the centre constitute the nucleus for a

French library benefiting the foreign language students. He said the gift was within the framework of the French-

Jordanian cultural cooperation agreement. The French government, he noted, had earlier offered the university four scholarships for post-graduate students to obtain doctorate degrees in literature and linguistics and in teaching

The Paris government also offered training courses for the centre's teachers and supplied French instructors.

French at the centre.

Meanwhile Louis Mugattash the director of the English Department at the university, announced that the Japanese language was the latest to be offered at the modern Languages Centre.

Students from the university and outside are being offered courses in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Turkish, Persian, Hebrew and Japanese at the centre, founded in 1988, said Dr. Muqattash.

He said the university of Jordan is the first among Arab universities to introduce Japanese language courses to students.



The Anaba Central Power Plant is part of the first stage of the regional power linkage project between Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Turkey

# Arab energy officials to approve \$220 m power grid linkage

AMMAN (J.T.) - Ministers of said Mohammad Azzam, senior energy and electricity from Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Tur-key are expected to hold a meeting in Amman Saturday to discuss and approve a draft agreement on the linkage of their power grids at an estimated cost of \$220 million. The five countries met in Am-

man last month for a three-day

technical committee meeting and

finalised the draft agreement,

engineer at the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA), which hosted the meetings.

Mr. Azzam said the ministers will review the final draft on the exchange of electric power and will study another agreement on the establishment of power net-He said the ministers are ex-

pected to endorse and sign the

two drafts which are necessary for the start of work on the two-stage

The linkage plan, which will be financed by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), will be completed in 1998.

In their Damascus meeting last year, the five ministers signed a protocol, giving the go-ahead for



Black plastic 'mulch' is a costly commodity for Jordan's farmers, but recycling of plastic

### may prove quite cost-beneficial (File photo) 25% in hard currency can be saved by recycling plastic waste — study

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A four-year study has proved that Jordan can save up to 25 per cent in hard currency by recycling plastic waste and using it as plastic film (cover) for

greenhouse crops. According to a spokesman for the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), RSS scientists will explain the resutls of the study on the development of plastic film in a workshop on plastic waste recycling for use as multi-layer plastic film for agriculture.

The RSS spokesman told the Jordan Times that addressing the workshop opening session, which

began Monday, Saeed Alloush, the RSS vice-president, said that the project is considered one link in a long chain of projects aimed at helping the country recycle used and waste materials.

Such practice. Dr. Alloush said, should help the Kingdom stem environmental pollution and save a great deal of hard currency spent on importing raw materials for industry.

According to the spokesman, those participating in the workshop represented various plastic industries, the Ministry of Agriculture, Jordanian universities, as well as the Canadian International Development Research Centre

He noted that the RSS will be willing to provide information and assistance to Jordanian industries on plastic film.

By recycling the waste, these

industries can find new jobs for the unemployed in the Kingdom, the spokesman added. According to the spokesman, plastic materials used in Jordanian industries can provide 60 per

cent of the raw plastic needed to make plastic sheets for crop growing, especially in the Jordan Valley. The four-year study was conducted by the RSS in cooperation

with McGill University of Canada and funded by IDRC.

### Extreme abstraction depicts exhibit

By Najwa Kefaya Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Ahmad Ibrahim, Lebanon's ambassador to Jordan

Sunday opened an exhibition of Lebanese artist Shukrallah Fattouh at the exhibition hall of the Royal Cultural Centre. Many layers of dark colours with a black base and repeated

usage of rectangular brush strokes accumulate over each other. This added to the extreme abstraction which characterises this exhibition, creates confusion and unrest at first sight. It takes some time before the

viewer's eyes adapt to his style. But once this happens, the imagination starts guiding this viewer behind the canvas to what the painter may have put in that painting and wanted to express to finally find the woman figure, very vaguely repeated in about 20 of his 36 acrylick paintings. stand out cleary among the rest. side. They are "Daisy 1" and "Daisy Th

Two of these "woman" images sees it in its gloomy and dark

their simplicity, modesty and

Nature is reproduced in this exhibition, but the way the artist 10.

The impact of the 15 years of civil war which destroyed the Unlike the rest, these two nude once beautiful landscapes of figures attract one's attention by Lebanon is clearly reflected in the other 13 paintings of nature and

still life. The exhibition runs until June

### **KLM resumes** operation to Amman

AMMAN - KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has resumed its operation to Queen Alia International Airport as of yesterday

The non-stop Airbus 310 flight will be serving Dubai every Monday and Amsterdam every Tuesday. KLM offers intercontinental business and tourist class.

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### To regain Amman's identity

AT a seminar organised by the French Centre for Research on the Contemporary Middle East (CER-MOC), scholars and experts concluded Amman has "no identity." Although many might disagree with this conclusion, it still might be wise to determine why the "city on the seven hills," with one of the finest climates in the world, has failed to establish an identity for itself and its inhabitants. Those who remember the Amman of the 1940s and 50s, and especially the river that once ran through it, only feel sad and bitter about a city that lost its spirit primarily because of illplanning and negligence on the part of its inhabitants to participate in its character development.

Amman's stumbling efforts to reach maturity and develop an identity can be attributed to two major practices. One is the continued "appointment" of the mayor of Amman and the municipal council. The second is the decision in mid-1980s to "annex" all the outlying cities and towns to the capital, creating the so-called Greater Amman Municipality. With the advent of democracy we fail to understand and do not subscribe to the reasons why Ammanites are still prevented from electing their city council. One of the basic tenets of democracy is the right of citizens to elect, monitor and bring to account public officials, whether mayors or governors. Mayors appointed by prime ministers will only be accountable to prime ministers, which in turn guarantee their allegiance to their bosses and not to the people they serve.

ain its identity, A original geographic boundaries and to elect its own municipal council. Moreover, the original Amman should be divided into districts, each with its own council. Smaller communities would then have a better chance of developing common interests that they can strongly identify with. Had it been left to the people in each district of Amman and in each town or village within the Greater Amman area to run their own affairs, public services would be more efficient and less costly. Grievances are being heard on both sides of Amman, east and west. Each claims to be paying the cost for developing the other. And grievances lead to reluctance, even to engage in dialogue about the city and its municipal services. The concept of neighbourhoods and neighbourhood cooperation can only function when the people are given the right to democratically elect their municipal councils and when those councils are made accountable to the people. Greater Amman urgently needs to divide itself back to its basic components and its people need to be able to elect their own representatives. Implementing these prerequisites should encourage a greater sense of community and a drive to rediscover the Amman identity.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

THE MEETING of the Arab foreign ministers in Amman constituted an important link in a long chain of Arab countries' efforts to coordinate their stands vis-a-vis the peace process with Israel, said Al Dustour Arabic daily Monday. This meeting is a clear sign by the Arab parties of their countries' genuine orientation towards peace of which the Middle East region is much in need, said the paper. But it demanded that the Arab foreign ministers who just ended a meeting in Amman should reexamine the outcome of the whole process in light of the results of the ninth session held in Washington before adopting a consensus on future action. It said that such an unanimous effort and consensus are of paramount importance in view of Israel's adamant position with regard to the implementation of U.N. resolutions, and in view of the U.S. administration's passive artitude and its failure to play the role of full partner in the peace process as it had promised. It should be noted, however, that coordination meetings are also required to prevent Israel from breaching the Arab front at the negotiations and to show the world that the Arabs are united for peace, a path to which they had been committed for so long, continued the daily. Such determined efforts on the part of the Arab countries help give impetus to the peace process.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily attacked the Western countries for their hostile attitude towards the Muslims in Europe. It seems that the Europeans and the Americans have now washed their hands of the Bosnia-Herzegovina question after finding it difficult for them to take some action to save the innocent lives, said Abdullah Al Rafe'i. But the Western coaintries found no difficulty at all in intervening in the Sudan, where they have been helping the separatist groups, and in Iraq, where they have been helping the Kurds against the central government, said the daily. The Western countries have been attacking the Iraqi positions to help the Kurds but they cannot raid Serbian positions to help the Bosnians, continued the writer. This attitude seems to be motivated by the determination of the European nations not to allow a Muslim state to emerge in Europe and to help the former Yugoslav Serbs to partition Bosnia-Herzegovina. The writer also attacked the Arab and Islamic states for failing to come to the aid of the Muslims of former Yugoslavia.

The View from Fourth Circle

# Full-time folks expect part-time parliaments

good news and there's had news. The good news is that the prime minister and his cabinet are a responsible and experienced bunch, competent and reliable. They are unlikely to win awards for excitement or innovation, and most of them fit very comfortably into the patriarchal tradition of social relationships and political governance that has defined this land for about, oh, ten thousand years — which is probably why settled and stable human communities have endured in this land for the last, oh, ten

Tradition and patriarchy are positive factors for communal identity, survival, self-assuredness, durability, and ethnic/ religious pluralism; but they tend to do less well in terms of fostering national dynamism, economic excellence, cultural innovation or political pluralism and public policy debate. Societies that are traditional/patriarchal within their frontiers tend also to form part of transnational systems of dependence and patriarchy. Therefore, most Arab and African societies that are traditional/ patriarchal at home also are heavily and sometimes even hopelessly dependent on external sources of money, food, guns or

The two most important challenges facing Jordan today are closely related to each other, and to this legacy of tradition and patriarchy that defines us; they are, in my view, 1) the need to develop a more dynamic political culture that is based on a combination of Arab/Islamic/Semitic traditions alongside stronger doses of political participation and accountability and 2) the need to reduce our dependence on external sources of aid, jobs, food and other vital elements of national life, or at least to redefine our relationships with our external markets and financiers in a more balanced and dignified manner.

Both of these challenges require bold leadership at the top as a first step, which we have had in the last five years, starting with the decision to disengage from Palestine and continuing with the devaluation of the dinar, the economic adjustment programme, the domestic political liberalisation, the National Charter, and the advent of political parties and pluralism. The full process of national development can be prodded and guided by the top leadership, but to take root it must be genuinely adopted by the political and commercial establishment and the grassroots com-

munity. This is where the role of the government comes in. Our new government should be assessed within this broader framework of national challenges and aspirations, and not within the narrow perspective of the next half year only. The country is

passing through a most delicate and decisive phase of change in political, economic and others terms, and the role of the government in this stage will be crucial for the success that we aspire to. In such circumstances, and for this moment of transition, I would trust the prudence and traditionalism of the government we now have rather than risk the unknown of a more politicised bunch that panders to the roar of the crowd and the smell of votes. That's the good news.

The bad news is that this government of responsible men may have to take on the awkward task of implementing tough political and economic decisions in a partial political vaccuum. The lively and important debates about the peace talks, the election law, the national sales tax and relations with neighbouring states, among others, will occupy much of the new government's time and energy — as well they should, given the vital importance of these

subjects to Jordan's well-being and its evolving political culture.

It seems incongruous to address such issues of potentially historic consequences for Jordan without the full complement of our existing political and parliamentary institutions. I would think that Prime Minister Majali's government would be stronger if it were to submit its programme to the Parliament for debate and a vote of confidence. There is little doubt that it would win a vote of confidence, because of the inherent retionality of its policies, their continuity with previous government programmes that have been approved by Parliament, and the rather obvious political fact that the policy guidelines outlined by His Majesty King Hussein will win the overwhelming support of the people.

The Constitution allows governments to issue temporary laws which are then referred to Parliament retrospectively; the legality of unilateral executive branch policy-making is not in question. What is in question is its political wisdom — especially at this moment when most of us are sincerely praising our political liberalisation and democratisation as harbingers of a more stable and dignified Arab future.

The whole success of our initial political transformation since 1989 has been based on the politics of inclusion — of allowing all political sentiments to participate fully in the process of public policy formulation, and also in the process of defining the parameters of our political culture (the National Charter). Therefore, some people find it out of character for the country suddenly to face up to and make relatively momentous decisions on the basis of unilateral executive branch inclinations, without submitting such decisions to the formal process of parliamentary

submitting itself to parliamentary confidence, as would the individual policy decisions the government will have to make in the coming months. Sidestepping parliamentary approval and using temporary laws may be legal, but they appear rather anachronistic—a step back, when we are trying to move forward.

We do not need to force unnecessary political friction at a time

when we are progressing nicely towards a more responsive and participatory political system. The whole point of pluralism is not just that the opposition is both legal and organised, but also that it is politically relevant, and that opposition sentiments have to be taken into account to create a national consensus on policy issues. The peace process, the sales tax, the election law, relations with other Arab states, the embargo against Iraq, the situation in Bosnia and many other current issues generate much political passion. This passion has to be absorbed by the political decision-making system or else it will find an outlet in extraparliamentary or even extra-legal means, as we see happening in other Arab countries wracked by violence and tension.

If Parliament is so constituted that it takes a long break in summer, the government system as a whole should not also take a break from the politics of inclusion, participation, accountability, and national consensus-building. We cannot afford part-time or seasonal democracy if we want to be taken seriously by our own people, let alone by others further afield. If tough national decisions must be made this year, they would be made in an easier and smarter manner in a context of fulltime democratic pluralism. The government may have to fight hard to win over public opinion on some issues, and it may have to compromise in some cases, in order to achieve the desired result of national consensus. That's the whole idea behind the pluralistic democracy we seek for the future, as well as the traditionalism/patriarchy we have lived by in the past: stability through consensus and consultation.

Therefore, it would seem logical for us to marry our heritage with our hopes and keep the process of political governance deeply rooted in and formally linked to popular sentiment, without occasional slippages, lapses or diversions. Our people are smart, loyal, street-wise and rational. They are the source of our strength and our stability. If they are sometimes angry, sceptical, or confused, it is with good reason; the political power structure has to deal with such sentiments in a mature and rational manner. Most important of all, our people are full-time nationals, who expect and deserve full-time representational and pluralistic

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# Fear and loathing parts former allies in Bosnia

By John Fullerton Reuter

ZENICA, Bosnia - Once they were allies, but nowadays Muslims and Croats of this central Bosnian town are divided by a chasm of fear and loathing.

"There could be war. Yes, it's certainly possible," says a Croatian Roman Catholic priest, Stepan Radic.

"The first spiral into hell was opened up by the Serbs," says Zenica's Muslim mayor, Besim Spahic. "Now it is the second Once pitted together against

allies teeter on the brink of allout hostilities and this industrial town is but one of several flash-Religion, ethnic loyalties, clan

rivalries, irrational fear of a different culture are all laced together in a highly-inflammable potion. Members of the town's Croatian minority see the predominant Muslims, their numbers

swollen by refugees, as trying to impose the tenets of Islam For them, the Muslims are plotting a unitary authority with which they will quickly seize

"Look at the statistics," says one Croatian pensioner. "They have nine children when we are happy to settle for two. They broadcast Arabic on the television, they are trying to turn our schools and sports centres into

nosques."
If this is bigotry, it is matched



Some at least of the 80,000 Mushms say they are between a Serb hammer and a Croat anvil. outgunned and under attack from

"My own opinion is that the Croats want a separate Croat state here." says the city's head of protocol, Ziyad Imamovic. "They are prepared to work with

That's the first stage. The second stage is to attach it to Croatia. creating a greater Croatia at the Muslims' expense. We are faced with fascists in Belgrade and fascists in Zagreb," he adds.

Meeting ordinary Croatians is not easy, for they are afraid of bodyguards died and he was being watched, of being over- arrested.

us," says a chemist, "Many of us have lost our jobs, our homes and

all our possessions."

He said trouble began just over a month ago, when the head of the local Croatian forces, the HVO, was ambushed. Four

Rather than put up a fight,

the town or voluntarily laid down

Mr. Radic says about 200 mainly HVO members, along with others from the Croatian political party HDZ, were arrested over the next few days.
"More than 50 face trial by a

military tribunal on charges of

their arms

carries a sentence ranging from 10 years to death," he adds.
"Without the HVO and HDZ 1-4 22 22 for the church," says one Croat. "It is like living in a labour camp 2-1. ....

Yet no official effort is being and and seed made to force the 20,000 or so Croats out of Zenica. On the Mar the Unit contrary, the mainly Muslim authorities are trying to encourage

them to stay.

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The only problem was that the? - marked HDZ and other Croat representatives had not yet put for- min was an ward their candidates.

On both sides, tales of atrocity and areas: and counter-atrocity in outlying towns and villages are legion. Little of it can be confirmed at the descripfirst hand. 4.256.25.25

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They are angry because three Croatian women were killed in fomenting armed rebellion. That the next village."

### U.S.-Russian warriors become comrades

By Susanne M. Schafer The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Slowis but surely, U.S. and Russian warriors who used to regard each other as arch-enemies are getting to know each other as comrades-in-arms. They have begun exchanges

that would have been unthink-able during the cold war highlevel Russian officers recently conferred with members of the joint staff in the mast top-secret sanctum of the Pentagon; Russian officers have visited military bases around the country and one spent the past year soaking up-U.S. Army thinking at the service's prestigious Command and Staff College at Fort Leaven-

The U.S.-Russian contacts are a priority because of Russia's size and resources, but the Pentagon also intends to improve its military contacts with other independent nations that once were part of the Soviet Union, such as Ukraine, and with former Warsaw Pact nations in Eastern

Europe as well. 1. Why? Friendship salect less

expensive than the alternative. The military exchanges began, and continued for several years. at the highest levels. Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. William Crowe invited his counterpart, Soviet Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, to visit the United States in 1988.

The present chairman of the joint chiefs, Gen. Colin Powell, wants to expand those contacts to mid- to lower-level officers.

That led to the historic visit last month of Lt. Gen. Andrei Nikolayer, the third-ranking military officer in Russia and first deputy chief of its general staff, and about a dozen of his staff officers They held three days of talks in the Pentagon with their counterparts on the joint staff, officials

The Pentagon official said the talks helped both sides clarify each other's inner workings, military doctrine, structure and

"Neither side really had a very good understanding of the decision-making structure of the other side," said one top-level officer who participated in the talks. Such an understanding is a major step towards avoiding military confrontations.

Other ideas include exchanging entire units for short periods and possibly establishing sister-city style relations among units; cosponsoring seminars and conferences on military issues and even cooperating in training for peacekeeping operations.

As relations have wanted, the exchanges have increased. In 1991, there were five highlevel visits. In 1992, there were 26, a number expected to increase in 1993.

There were six delegations exchanged in 1991 and 21 in 1992. There were only two ship visits in 1991, but seven ship and aircraft exchanges in 1992.

in an arson fire at Solingen. And while there were no joint exercises in 1991, seven were held

# Foreigners in Germany outsiders for life

By Terrence Petty

COLOGNE, Germany - Restaurant owner Abil Dal sells gyro sandwiches in a neighbourhood that seems more like Istanbul than Cologne. Turkish vegetable stands line the streets and women shop in Muslim head scarves.

Mr. Dal recently telephoned a German real estate agency to inquire about buying another restaurant. The agent asked him "I said Turkey," Mr. Dal said.

"He said he wasn't interested and hung up."
The Cologne neighbourhood

symbolises a disturbing fact: if you are an immigrant in Germany, you could be an outsider for life, or a victim of neo-Nazi violence. In the past 18 months, nine

Turks were among the 26 people killed by neo-Negis across Ger- protection against racism. many.

The two worst attacks were on Turkish families who have been in Germany for a long time, and not against the more recently arrived asylum seekers. A Turkish grandmother and two Turrichs, a veterinarian. "There are kish girls burned to death in a hardly any Germans there anyfirebombing in Moelln in November, and five Turks died April 29

foreigner party. On March 9, a neo-Nazi held a Germany for 28 of her 38 years. gas pistol to the head of a middleaged Turkish man in Muelheim-She said her father arrived in

Ruhr and pulled the trigger three times. The gun mistired, but the

man died of a heart attack. Of the nation's 80 million peole, about 6.5 million are non-German, mainly from Turkey. the former Soviet Bloc and

A big wave came in the 1960s, when there were more jobs than Germans to fill them and the government invited Turks as guest workers." The fall of communism brought

an even greater rush of immigration, finally prompting Germany to impose severe restrictions. Although some Turks in Germany are poor, many have good jobs with companies like Ford,

Siemens and Bayer. Others are wealthy entrepreneurs. But financial comfort is no

Many Germans in Mr. Dal's neighbourhood resent the Turks, and find it hard to compete with the industrious immigrants. "Look down this side street over here," said Hermann Hein-

German descent or pay fees and more, and the ones remaining wait 15 years. vote for the republicans," an anti-Gigdem Yildizbas has lived in

1964 to a warm welcome by the Germans, found work in a furniture factory and sent for his fami-

Mrs. Yildizbas and her husband carned enough money over the years to buy a house and a restaurant. They have many German friends, and even feel a little bit German, but bigotry always lies in wait.

ly a year later.

Three years ago, they were looking for an apartment. "I can pass for a German," Mrs. Yildizbas said, "but my husband has jet-black hair. One landlady told me, your husband is a foreigner. Sorry, you can't have

the apartment." Mrs. Yildizbas has a simple solution: make it easier for immigrants to become citizens. She figures that would put them on a par with native Germans and

provide some political muscle. Germany's citizenship law. which dates from 1913, is based on blood and was used by the Nazis to justify persecution of foreigners. Citizenship is granted only to immigrants who prove

The law keeps most immigrants from voting or holding civil ser-

Only about 1.500 Turks, in a

citizens each year. "This is not right. We pay: German taxes," Mrs. Yildizbash

Germany is considering a fiveyear period of dual citizenship after which the immigrant would choose between Germany and his homeland. Many Turks are not interested

Many Turks are not interested in that becase of their close ties to Turkey. They tend to socialise among themselves, hold to their traditions, and return to Turkey

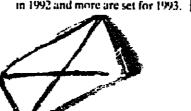
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But Germany's economic by the second boom is over, and things can be

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Behind double-locked steel doors with classified combinais ofeak, tions, among countless cartons of deciments stamped top secret, are answers to fundamental ques-Far time tions about the \$10 trillion arms have mace, the United States intelliary operations carried out from Afghanistan to Zaire. Scholars. reporters and ordinary citizens hammer at the vaults in vain. Because the Central Intelli-

gence Agency, the Pentagon and the State Department have retheir records, those who seek the history of the cold war are like if medieval map-makers trying to 🗠 🛌 chart an unknown world.

They file thousands of requests for documents under the Freedom of Information Act, a 1966 law designed to give Americans access to federal files. But most requests are futile, marked by ade-long delays, ending in denational security.

The system is without a sense of decency or democracy," said Barton J. Bernstein, director of Stanford University's international relations programme, who recently was denied records from the 1940's on national security

With archives in Moscow and Beijing disclosing secret documents, pressure for openness is building in Washington. The vault may be opening a crack. President Bill Clinton told the national-security bureaucracy this month that with the end of the cold war, it was time to revise the system that keeps history under

More is at stake than a cold war concept of national security. The release of the documentary history of the cold war could help dispel a pervasive public belief that the government has lied about matters ranging from the assassination of John F. Kennedy to prisoners of war in Vietnam to the existence of flying saucers. (More than a few people believe that the government is covering up the 1947 crash of an alien spacecraft in New Mexico). But, Mr. Clinton's request for

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increased openness must be carried out by the same intelligence and military officials who create secrets. They dominate a task force led by the bureaucracy in charge of the classification system, Steven Garfinkel, the man who oversees the restrictive secrecy code still in effect. It is they who must answer questions posed by Mr. Clinton: How can documents be declassified as quickly as possible? How can excessive classification be avoided? And, most important,

Mr. Garfinkel, the director of the Information Security Oversight Office, said he has no idea

what really needs to be kept

how many secret documents exist. "Perhaps billions," he said. "But the actual number of real secrets is much, much smaller and that is the-real issue. The idea that every one of these documents is a real secret is absurd."

### Record riddled with holes

What still needs to be kept secret? The designs of weapons systems and intelligence technologies. The details of ongoing treaty negotiations. The names of espionage agents. But not much else, historians argue. Certainly not a 1948 evaluation of the United States intelligence services nor the pet names assigned by scientists to 1950's nuclearweapons tests — all still classifed in the name of national security.

"It has become ridiculous," said John Lewis Gaddis, a leading cold war scholar who sits on a CIA committee that is declassifying records at a glacial pace. When you have an excessively capacious definition of secrecy, you lose control in your own mind of what really needs to be kept secret.'

While the record remains riddled with holes, historians cannot know the minds of the Americans who led the cold war. "We don't

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know how we got into an arms race that caused both sides to spend themselves into ruin," said Priscilla McMillan, a fellow at the Russian Research Centre at Har-

No one really knows how the United States decided to send half a million soldiers to Vietnam; the heart of the story remains classified, said John Prados, who has written extensively about national security. "The American people not only have a need but a right to know their history," Mr. Prados said.

History can be falsified when

documents disappear, Warren Cohen, a professor of history at Michigan State University, resgned from the State Department historical committee that he headed in 1990 to protest the deletion from the official government history of American foreign relations all mention of the CIA coup that put Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi in power in Iran in

"Secrecy enables the government to put out an account which is a half-truth," said Mr. Cohen. "The lies have undermined public faith in government."

And that is exactly what happened in the former Soviet Union, said David Holloway, a political scientist who has spent months in Moscow reading recently unearthed records. "Secrecy cost the Soviets enormously," he said. "The people knew the public version of history was a lie. That led to a belief that government is never going to tell you the

Americans, too, grew to mistrust their government during the cold war. Presidents from Eisenhower to Reagan lied to the public about crises like the U-2 spy plane affair, the so-called 'missile gap" between the Soviet Union and the United States, the conduct of the Vietnam War, Watergate, the sale of weapons to Tran. As the official versions crumbled and were replaced by a half-revealed record, conspiracy theories flourished.

If the national-security bureaucracy carries out President Clinton's order, the hidden history of the cold war will eventually be revealed, and the credibility gap between the official version and the truth will narrow. But historians remember that an earlier promise of openness by a president proved empty.

"The many abuses of the security system can no longer be tolerated," read a presidential proclamation to strengthen the Freedom of Information Act. "Fundamental to our way of life is the belief that when information which properly belongs to the public is sytematically withheld by those in power, the people soon become ignorant of their own affairs, distrustful of those who manage them, and --- eventually - incapable of determining their own destinies."

The promise was made in 1972 by Richard M. Nixon whose presidency would fall two years later upon the sword and shield of secrecy — The Washington Post.

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# The earth summit one year later

DID IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

By Paul Raeburn The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A year ago, the streets of Rio de Janeiro hummed, not with the music of Brazil's annual carnival, but with the boisterous voices of environmentalists from around the world and the fanfare for the largest gathering of world leaders in history.

The occasion was the United Nations earth summit. For two weeks last June. Rio was the unofficial environmental capital of the world. Diplomats caucused in all-night sessions at Rio's cavernous Convention Centre. while activists encamped in brightly coloured tents along Flamengo Beach, in the shadow

of sugar loaf. The summit was marked by bitter discord over the role of the United States, which was criticised by activists and by its allies for its efforts to block or weaken the earth summit's two key

The memory of the disputes has now faded, and the diplomatic limousines that clogged the streets of Copacabana and Ipanema are gone. But the summit's legacy survives, and it is slowly beginning to reshape inter-

national affairs, participants say. On June 14, the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development — created to carry out the summit's goals — will hold its first meeting in New York.

"It's starting to happen," said Scott Hajost, international counsel for the Environmental Defense Fund. But, he said, "it's going to be a good while before you can actually stand back and say, o.k., what have you accomplished? I think we're still in the building process here."

The summit's treaties — one designed to forestall the greenhouse effect, and another to protect the world's biological diversity, its disappearing plant and animal species — are moving close to ratification by enough nations to bring the treaties into

On earth day in April, President Bill Clinton reversed the Bush administration positions on he treaties. The biological diersity treaty, Mr. Clinton said, is critically important ...not only because of what it will do to preserve species, but because of opportunities it offers for cuttingedge companies whose research creates new medicines, new products and new jobs.

Saying that the United States 'walked away from the treaty" in Rio, Mr. Clinton announced that the United States would sign it. On the threat of global warming, Mr. Clinton committed the United States "to reducing our emissions of greenhouse gases to their

1990 levels by the year 2000."
President Bush had refused to make those commitments, breakanan and the peans, who signed the biodiversity treaty and pledged greenhouse gas reductions.

But the treaties are only only part of what was accomplished in

Rio, environmentalists say. "The connection between international security, environmental security and human welfare broadly was made at the earth summit, and that thinking will influence decisions for decades to come," said Michael Oppenheimer, a scientist with the Environmental Defence Fund in New

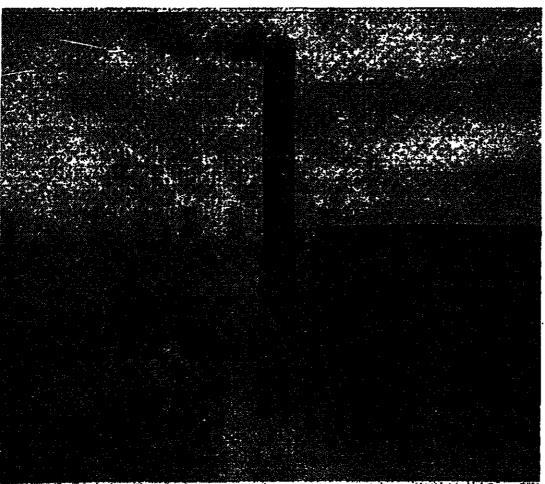
> The treaties "don't solve the problems they were intended to solve, but they are important first steps," said Mr. Oppenheimer,

an expert on global warming.
William K. Reilly, the former tration came very close to signing the biodiversity treaty at the sum-

We had a substantive position on biological diversity," Mr. Reilly said in a recent interview. "I thought there were many ways out of it, but the truth was (the White House) didn't want a way

During the first few days of the summit, Mr. Reilly struggled behind the scenes to try to eliminate the obstacles in the way of U.S. support for the treaty. But he was support when a White House official leaked a memo revealing Mr. Reilly's plans.

ater Brent Scor tal Protection Agency and the the president's national security head of the U.S. delegation in adviser, told Mr. Reilly, "We Rio, said that the Bush adminis- could have done what you wanted, but for the leak. We could fixed this."



HELL ON EARTH: Industrial complexes like this, fuelled by brown coal, are sources of

pollution that need to be eliminated for the sake of our planet (File photo)

Mr. Bush's opposition to the biodiversity treaty became one of the top stories of the summit, and the word "biodiversity" appeared on front pages around the world.

When Mr. Reilly found himself in a limousine with the president in Rio, Mr. Reilly said, jokingly, well, Mr. President ... I think you can fairly say wtih a smile that no one's done more for public understanding of that concept than you, sir." The president laughed; but his position didn't

One of the key unanswered whether the developed nations will make substantial financial contributions towards cleaning up the environment in developing countries, which have few re-

Europe, Japan and the United States pledged hundreds of mil-lions of dollars towards that end at the Rio summit, but little of the money has been spent.
"How much money there is

sources of their own.

and where it's gone is still very much a subject of debate," said Mr. Haiost One of the key aims of the earth summit was to bring en-

vironmental concerns into all

areas of international affairs, from national security to foreign aid. The record there is mixed, said Mr. Hajost. Governments and the United Nations are slowly beginning to include environmental concerns

in their planning, he said, but one key agency — the World Bank — The bank, the major donor of foreign aid to developing nations, has said it would support projects that are economically sustainable

- that is, they don't deplete resources or produce unmanageable quantities of waste or toxic Whether they're following those policies is another question. Mr. Hajost said. "Every conclu-

sion is that the World Bank, despite nice policies in some cases, is not spending its portfolio in ways that are truly environmentally sustainable," he said.

The Clinton administration has expressed concern about this problem and is likely to use its influence to try to change the World Bank. Mr. Hajost said.

# West gives Latvia qualified backing on voting laws

By Vanora Bennett Reuter

RIGA, Latvia — Is Latvia, a tiny Baltic state ruled by Moscow for five decades, violating human rights by refusing to let Russian settlers vote this weekend in its first post-Soviet elections?

Yes, says Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who has called the voting restrictions "a basis for ethnic cleansing." Latvia's mightiest neighbour says the rules are a reason to delay the withdrawal of the last 23,000 former Soviet troops from Latvia.

No, say international human rights reports, western diplomats and Latvia itself. They believe the state has enough historical grievances to justify a cautious approach to the Russians who make up a third of the 2.7 million population.

Independent Latvia was annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940 after a secret pact with Nazi Germany. Soviet repression forced hundreds of thousands of Latvians to emigrate or sent them to their deaths in labour camps.

The number of Latvians shrank by a third, while Russian immigrants too heir place. Latvians now mak. up just 52 per cent of

the republic's population. "This puts Latvia in a unique position," said one diplomat. "It is not easy to revive your culture and language when you have be-come almost a minority in your

"For political stability it is important that Latvians have a majority," said Ojars Kehirs, a senior member of Latvian Way. the centre-right coalition tipped

to win the June 5-6 poll. Latvia has laid down tough rules for the local Russians. Only about 300,000 — those who can prove that they or their families lived in the republic before 1940 - have automatic citizenship.

The rest can apply for naturalisation after the parliamentary elections if they have lived in Latvia for 16 years and can pass a language test.

But a report prepared by the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) said the rules were not strict enough to merit accusations of human rights abuses.
"The (Russian's) fear of margi-

nalisation by denial of citizenship is real, and in some cases wellfounded," it said. "It is this sense of insecurity rather than any gross violation of human rights that is most characteristic of the situation in Latvia today.'

Many Russians fear noncitizens will be excluded from a sell-off of state property after the vote. Ninety-three per cent of the local Russians have lived in Latvia for over 16 years.

The CSCE wants Latvia to pass final citizenship law as soon as possible after the elections and say Russians should be allowed to participate in privatisation.

Its report recommended a more clement five-year residence requirement, saying this would have a positive psychological impact on Russians and make little difference to Latvia.

It also advised Latvia to clamp down on individual abuses. saying that some over-zealous officials had turned away Russians and even Latvians without



good reason Latvia is keen to have a clean record on human rights. It hopes a first step can be taken by following neighbouring Estonia into the Council of Europe.

"As long as they stick reason-ably close to the CSCE line when they pass a final citizenship law, the Council of Europe may well say it has no objection," a European diplomat said.

# **Gold Coast**

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# German waste dumped next to Ukrainian farm company called for shipments of 2,000 tonnes," said Venyamin Tralo, head of the local Environ-

By Rostislav Khotin Reuter

DOLBUNIV, Ukraine — A mall tractor pushes vast mounds of waste from Germany into a rick barn, helped by dozens of nen and women wielding

tioyels. A few dozen metres away cate graze alongside wheatfields elonging to the "communard"

blective farm. The huge waste area, larger ian a football field, is filled with 30 tonnes of material sent to entral Ukraine from Germany in pparent violation of German law nd international safety stanards. Much of it is packed in Ags. cardboard boxes or rusting

A foul stench hangs in the air. he women are thoughtfully pro-

ded with gas masks. n not afraid of this stuff," uid a man identifying himself only as Volodymyr.
"Sure, I have no idea whether these things are dangerous or not, but I intend to continue working

Ukrainian officials are furious that the former Soviet republic is being turned into a cheap dumping ground. German ministries are upset that environment laws are being flouted.

The shipment was the second brought in the last month to the region around Rivne, a city of 250,000 about 350 kilometres west of Kiev. A further 250 tonnes now lies at an army base where specialists are examining

its contents. "Children have been seen playing on these heaps and taking away plastic bags full of things," said Mykola Polishchuk, head of

the local regional authority. "No complete analysis has yet been conducted on just how toxic these things are. But Germans

are very good at looking after their own affairs. If these materials were safe, they would have been processed in Germany." Samples of the waste have been taken for analysis to laboratories

in Rivne and Kiev. Local investigators suspect Ukrainian firms handling the waste have accepted sums huge in local terms but minimal for

potential German exporters trying to unload toxic cargoes. An official with the Ukrainian contractor handling the transport and disposal of the waste, a small company called Plastik, refused to answer questions and turned

The environmental group Greenpeace says the shipment came from the East German state of Saxony-Anhalt. Germany is the world's biggest

exporter of waste. It forbids its

shipment abroad, but provisions

Reuter reporters away from his

allowing for the consignment of materials for recycling or industrial use are often exploited. Last month, Germany took

back more than 400 tonnes of toxic waste dumped illegally in Romania after protests from the authorities in Bucharest and the international environmentalist group, Greenpéace. Greenpeace said the chemicals

in the Rivne region included spontaneously combustible red and white phosphorus, poisonous liquid mercury, pesticides and acids containing cyanide. Ukrainian ecological officials, overwhelmed and inexperienced,

have ordered the shipments to be stopped but are at a loss how to deal with what already has been dumped. "Ås soon as we found out about this, we barred the Germans from bringing the waste — the contract signed by the local

"Not everyone takes us seriously. So far our service consists of an inspector and myself. We have no car, our pay is low, our phone was disconnected for months because the Evironment

Ministry in Kiev had no money to

mental Inspection Service.

pay the bills." The shipments have caused concern among Ukrainians, with newspapers warning residents not to touch paint or abandoned refrigerators if their origin is unknown. Commentators have urged the

government to adhere to international agreements on environmental control. "If this is not done quickly, Ukraine will soon become Europe's largest dump," said the

daily Molod Ukraina.

# on speed of economic reform

CAIRO (R) - Egypt told the World Bank Monday it was demanding that economic reforms go ahead too fast but the bank argued speed was vital to give confidence to private investors.

The adviser will not be driving the car but he might be visiting us in hospital if we crash it," Egypt's minister for cabinet affairs, Atel Obeid, told World Bank officials at a seminar for reporters.

Mr. Obeid said the pace of change, particularly privatisation of Egypt's vast public sector, was the main issue holding up agreement with the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a new phase of economic reform to succeed an 18month programme which ended

Egypt needs the deal to qualify for a second slice of \$10 billion in debt forgiveness from Western creditors. But the negotiations have been tough and deadlines in November, March and May have passed without agreement.

'Yes, there is an area of disagreement and to be very frank. the area of disagreement is not in programmes and policies and targets," Mr. Obeid said. "The point that took lengthy discus-

He said Cairo had learned from the experience of other countries which had privatised public companies to stimulate a market economy that the process took time and needed skills which were rare

"The best job you can have is a consultant. You give the advice and you never take the blame. Those who take the blame and pay the price are those who manage. That is why we are very cautious," Mr. Obeid declared. "We will continue to take bold

decisions but we don't take uncalculated risks," he added. "We insist that we, only the Egyptian government and the Egyptian people and parliament, decide on

He conceded in answer to a questison later in the session: We think we are doing it, yes, at slow speed but slowly but sure-

We cannot move faster." Caio Koch-Weser, the World Bank's vice president for the Middle East and North Africa, said he agreed the Egyptian government faced political problems in privatising after 40 years of socialism, had to deal with public sector managers with strong vested interests and was right to

### Taiwan's investment climate ranked world's second best

vestment climate has been rated the world's second best by the U.S.-based Business Environment Risk Information (BERI) consultancy, despite sluggish foreign investment on the island. officials have said.

consulting firm, said in a report that Taiwan followed Switzerland to be second in the world in terms of profit potential for the first quarter of this year, the officials

which was around 6.5 per cent.

estate prices, fears of environmental protection sentiment and the lack of infrastructure here. The authorities are trying to turn the export-oriented island that. I believe that the pace issue is so important because of the momentum that is needed... to make this economy grow again, tomake sure private investors don't sit on the fence.

Mr. Koch-Weser said the gov ernment had failed to meet even its own timetable for privatisation, which is still in its earliest stages after two full years of IMF and World Bank-approved re-

Mr. Obeid replied that the vernment had always regarded the timetable as unrealistic.

A World Bank report of December said "bureaurcratic resistance" and relutance among' public-sector managers had hindered privatisation.

# Egypt, World Bank disagree | Western brewers eye East European markets

ers are eyeing Eastern Europe thirstily for both its markets and top-brand beers.

But as many East European governments treat their beer industry as a national heritage that must not fall into foreign hands. would-be buyers may be frustrated.

And as Eastern breweries move into the private sector, those with top brands like Budweiser and Pilsner Urquell may themselves eye Western beer markets as a mouth-watering prospect they cannot resist.

Beer markets vary considerably in the region, dictating different strategies for Western investors. They range from the Czech republic with annual beer consumption of about 150 litres a head, comparable with Germany, to Poland, where consumption is

VIENNA (R) — Western brew- 30 litres a head, though growing. The Czech republic has dozens of local breweries with highquality beer. Selling into this market would be hard but Czech beers could sell well abroad,

> analysts say. You don't buy a Czech brewery for the domestic market but for the exports," said Bertrand Facon of CSFB Ltd in London.

Hungary, with a handful of big breweries, has a large and growing domestic market with annual nsumption of around 100 litres a head, analysts say. They say Hungary has emerged the clear winner in the brewing stakes, helped by a business-friendly atmosphere and clear legal rules.

"Hungary has the potential to be an extremely profitable market. It could become another Italy or France," said Mr. Facon.
John Graham, food and drink added: "Hungary in general has been the country of choice."

Crucially, Budapest has not tried to restrict foreign ownership of breweries, although some shares in two that have not yet been sold — the Kobanya Brew-ery and the Pannonia Brewery - may be set aside for domestic investors under a new scheme to popularise privatisation.

Western brewers have already grabbed opportunities to invest in Hungary with new Austrian beer giant Brau-Union taking a 70 per cent stake in Martfu which is listed on the Budapest bourse. and 51 per cent of Sopron.

Dutch firm Heineken N.V. the world's second largest brewer, has 51 per cent of Komarom Brewery, and Belgium's privately-owned Interbrew has 51 per cent of Borsodi Brewery.

many's Gilde are both interested in stakes in Kobanya, which has one-third of the Hungarian market, and Pannonia, which has 10

Ottakringer last month nnounced a deal with Slovakia's biggest brewer Saris under which it will produce one of its brands under licence and sell Saris's beers in the Slovak market, previously largely supplied by Czech

For Heineken, which wants to expand into Eastern Europe, a Czech brewer would be tempting. but Prague is wary of foreign investment in the sector. "We would have seen many more deals if the authorities had not decided to treat the breweries as national assets," said CSFB's

All major Czech breweries were heavily oversubscribed in last year's mass privatisation restricted to locals. Now would-be foreign investors must negotiate with the new owners.

U.S. firm Anheuser-Busch, the world's biggest brewer which makes the top-selling Budweiser brand, wants a deal with Czech

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Austria's Ottakringer and Ger- brewer Budvar, which claims copyright to the Budweiser name, hindering Anheuser's expansion in Europe. The Czech govern-ment has said it will allow a 30 per

cent foreign stake in Budvar.
The Czech daily Rude Pravo said recently that Plzenske Pivovary (Plzen Breweries), owned 60 per cent by 49 Czech investment funds, was thinking of selling Heineken a stake in its Prazdroj brewery, which makes the

famous Pilsner Urquell. No Polish breweries have yet been sold outright to Western interests but investors can buy shares in brewers such as Zywiec and Okocim, both listed on the Warsen bourse and recent star performers on the exchange.

East European breweries may need a tie-up with a Western partner to secure the necessary retail and distribution network to sell their beer abroad. Pilsner Urquell and Czech Budweiser are already widely available in export form and British retailer Tesco recently bought four truckloads of Vratislav lager from a tiny brewery in the north Czech village of Vratislavice and Nisou, a Czech news agency reported.

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TAIPEI (AFP) - Taiwan's in- and the start of several major

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The firm also rated the island the second best place for investment in the next five years chanks to its strong foreign exchange earnings capability, they added.

construction projects under a sixyear national development package contributed significantly to the island's economic growth

BERI's optimistic forecast comes despite investment in the island from abroad falling 14 per cent in the first quarter of 1993 to \$193 million amid prohibitive real

into a regional operation centre for transnational exterprises to develop, manufacture, maintain

### EC ministers told economies to shrink, deficits to rise

LUXEMBOURG (R) - Euro- substantially to spending. pean Community (EC) finance ministers came face to face with the harsh facts of recession Monday as the European Commission told them their economies would shrink and their budget deficits grow this year.

Economic Affairs Commissioner Henning Christophersen said the Community's economy would shrink by about 0.3 per cent and the average budget deficit would rise to an average of six per cent of gross domestic product --- double the level set in the Maastricht Treaty to qualify to join a single EC currency.

- "It could be more, it could be less, but that is the kind of figure we are looking at," Mr. Christophersen told reporters when asked if growth would be in line with the minus 0.3 per cent forecast by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Develop-

In January, the commission forecast growth in 1993 at around 0.8 per cent, rising to 1.8 per cent

Mr. Christophersen was equally gloomy about the state of public finance in the Community

"We have in the EC as a whole an increase in the public deficits which will this year go beyond six per cent as an £C average," he

As if that were not a bitter enough pill to swallow for ministers struggling to stick to the tough so-called convergence criteria on the road to a single EC currency by the end of the century, there was more to come in the shape of dismal unemployment forecasts.

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said the meeting heard that 12 per cent, or nearly one person in every eight, of the Community's workforce would be out of a job next year. Diplomats said the ministers

took a fresh look at the 35 billion European Currency Unit (\$42 billion) growth initiative published in April and actions taken since then in some countries, and were asked to come up with fresh ideas.

Mr. Christophersen has said the initiative will add 0.6 per cent to economic growth over the next 18 months, but Monday he admitted that the recession had as the recession cuts deep into absorbed most of the anticipated

### Rouble slips to new low of 1,089 to dollar

MOSCOW (R) - The rouble slipped to a new low against the dollar on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (MICEX) Monday but a spokesman for the market said the Russian Central Bank had the situation under

The rouble fell to 1,089 to the dollar from 1,072 Friday, Trading volume rose to 29.8 million from 28.6 million, with bids totalling 31.1 million against supply of 27.3

"The central bank is in control of the situation," MICEX spokesman Yuri Shchegolkov

Bankers said continued central bank dollar sales were important for the rouble's stability.

"The central bank must keep intervening. Not all Russia's export earnings are returning and there are few sellers on the market against too many buyers, said Alexander Gorbachev, head of foreign exchange at private Russian National Commercial Bank.

Central Bank chairman Viktor Gerashchenko has vowed to continue intervening to protect the rouble, which has plunged because of negative rouble interest rates and high inflation.

"It's a pity to spend our hard corrency reserves like this, but our task as the central bank is to

ble," he told a television interview Friday night.

Intervention flies in the face of an agreement signed between the central bank and the government last month, where the central bank promised to curb credit emission and raise interest rates and the government promised to stash spending.

Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov appealed to regional leaders Saturday to meet Russia's 1993 spending plans, warning of dire consequences if lending con-tinued to grow, ITAR-TASS news agency said. TASS quoted Mr. Fyodorov as

saying the 1993 budget deficit could rise to 21 or 22 trillion roubles (\$21-\$22 billion) and monthly inflation could reach 40 per cent if all proposed new loans

were disbursed. "We seem to forget that the budget is a law which must be strictly fulfilled," he said.

Mr. Fyodorov said last month Russia's 1993 budget deficit would be 10 or 11 trillion roubles (\$10-\$11 billion).

Russia plans to curtail credits to firms and other former Soviet republies as part of a pact between the central bank and government aimed at bringing monthly inflation below 10 per cent by the end of the year.

Consumer prices rose 17 per cent in April.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY JUNE 8, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

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CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You now would be wise to be especially charming to an emotional person who never-theless is a value associate in your scheme of things.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Show your fellow associates that you understand the things that they like the most and help them to get and to enjoy them and tasks flow more smoothly.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You have the chance now to arrange a romantic meeting with the one who means the most to you so do so early in the day and carry through later on.

### Increasing private spending and sell their products. ensure a soft-landing for the rougovernment revenues and adds effect Zambia forges ahead with reforms, privatisation

CAPE TOWN (R) - Zambia is steaming ahead with reforms, including privatisation, to liberalise its economy, but gailoping inflation and hefty foreign debt re-main big headaches, Finance Minister Ronald Penza said.

He reiterated in an interview with Reuters his government's commitment to dismantle state control of 80 per cent of the economy and give market forces

"Government does not intend to stay in business." he said.

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sales affecting 19 of the smaller state concerns will be completed

in July. Mr. Penza, whose formal title is minister of commerce, trade and industry, said 32 medium to large state firms, ranging from breweries to sugar and cement

producers, will be sold next. The Zambia Privatisation Agency and World Bank have commissioned a study to propose the best way of privatising the Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines Ltd., which provides the bulk of export revenue. The re-

port is expected to be ready by September, he said. Meantime the government con-

By Glasbergen

Subsidies on petroleum products were removed in May, following similar action on food last year when steps were also taken to unify the exchange rate.

An overhaul of exchange controis was high on the agenda. "As soon as conditions permit. we'll be going full blast to make the movement of capital - along

with labour - free, literally creating a convertible currency," he said. There were fears this could

prompt capital flight. "But our view is we can only induce confidence by opening our market, although in the initial stages there may be capital tinues to liberalise other parts of

flight," he said. Yet such steps depended on a "drastic" fall in inflation because of speculative distortions it caused in the eco-

Annual inflation was still running at more than 180 per cent. and the target of 10 per cent by year's end was obviously overly ambitious, Mr. Penza said. Money supply "slippages" had undermined progress on this front but measures were being taken to arrest these.

Inflation targets would be revised and an International Monetary Fund (IMF) team now in Zambia had been requested to propose ways to tackle the problem over the rest of the year. Realistic, achievable targets were important to generate confidence in the anti-inflation fight, he

He said the government was holding firm on fiscal discipline. and remained determined to balance the national budget in 1993. A programme which restricted spending to cash and barred credit from the central bank was working well.

Mr. Penza said a foreign currency crisis earlier this year prose from a change in procedures for processing imports and letters of credits — "a documentation problem more than anything.

### This is no longer the case." Foreign debt at nearly \$7.0 billion was still a vexing problem. he said, adding: "Zambia is one of the most debt-distressed countries in the world on a per capita, And economic growth of only nine per cent, before taking infla-

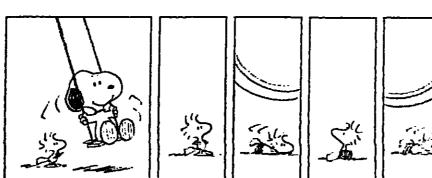
tion into account, was predicted for 1993, meaning no real growth for another year. But the reform drive would hopefully persuade investors to

take a favourable longer term view. "The country has abundant natural and other resources, which can only be exploited if we have sufficient capital ... skills and technology," Mr. Penza said.

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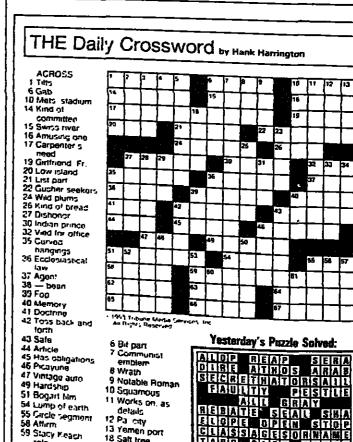
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Sterling Pound*		1.5090	1.5143
Deutsche Mark		1.6264 -	1.6248
Swiss Franc		1.4644	1.4615
French Franc		5.4785	5.4773**
Japanese Yen (1919)	; : .	107.73	107.47
European Curreny Unit		1.1998 -	1.2008**
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Eurocurrency Interest Rates		Date: 7/6/1993		
Currency .	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
U.S. Dollar	5.18	3.31	3,43	3.81
Sterling Pound	5.78	5.75	5.75	5.81
Deutsche Mark	7.68	7.50	7.18	6.62
Swiss Franc	5.00	4.93	4.81	4.62
French Franc	7.62	7.37	7.12	6.81
Japanese Yen	3.21	3.21	3,25	3.31
European Currency Unit	7.87	7.50	7.25	7.00

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Сигтепсу .	Bid -	Offer
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Deutsche Mark -	0.4214	0.4235
Swiss Franc	0.4694	0.4717
Frenck Franc	0.1252	0.1258
Japanese Yen*	0.6367	0.6399
Datch Guilder	0.3756	0.3775
Swedish Krona	0.0939	0.0944
Malian Lira*	0.0465	0.0467
Belgian Franc	0.02051	0.02061

Other Correncies	Date: 7/6/1993		
Сигтенсу	Bid	Offer	
Bahraini Dinar	1.7970	1.8300	
Lebanese Lira*	0.0380	9.0405	
Saudi Riyal	0.1826	0.1838	
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2300	2.2800	
Qatari Riyai	0.1858	0.1870	
Egyptian Pound	0.1950	0.2100	
Omani Riyal	1.7450	1.7850	
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# **OPEC** opening gambits show wide differences

GENEVA (R) — OPEC ministers converged on Geneva Monday for what may be bruising negotiations after Kuwait renewed demands for a bigger oil

production quota. Iran says higher output should be curbed until prices rise.

OPEC lynchpin Saudi Arabia may be cast in the role of mediator at the talks which open Tuesday. Delegates predict a deal of some kind on quotas for the July-September period will result but some worry that it won't mop up enough excess supply. Average prices are languishing

around \$3 below a target of \$21

per barrel set by the OPEC (Organisation of the Petroleum xporting Countries) in 1990. "There is a surplus... demand

is not robust," Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh told a Tehran news conference. He did not believe the market

was yet strong enough to support a rise in the overall ceiling on OPEC production which is currently set at 23.6 million barrels per day (b/d). He would urge that Kuwait

should wait for a bigger quota until nearer the northern winter when demand usually rebounds. But the Kuwaitis reminded

OPEC that a communique back in February had promised them a bigger quota from July 1.

The pledge was the price OPEC paid for getting Kuwait back in its quota system, from which it was excused after retreating Iraqi troops set its oil fields ablaze in the 1991 Gulf war.

Interviewed by Al Hayat newspaper, Kuwaiti Minister Ali Ahmad Al Baghli, said OPEC had promised him a quota at parity with others that had similar production capacity.

The Kuwaitis have in mind the United Arab Emirates, which has a quota of 2.16 million barrels compared with 1.6 million which Kuwait reluctantly accepted in February.

Oil demand usually starts to pick up in the July-September quarter but the rise tends to be fickle. In neither 1991 nor 1992 did OPEC raise its output ceiling for this period.

This year, delegates said, ideas for a modest increase to give Kuwait some of what it wants have been mooted.

But a further complication. beyond the objections of Iran, is that Nigeria now insists that it, as well as Kuwait, should be treated as a special case.

Precedents exist for Iran to enter reservations when its hard line arguments do not command majority support. It entered a reservation that a ceiling set by OPEC in February 1992 was "a danger to the market."

Traders, however, tend to be suspicious in such instances, worrying that any of the 12 members who have reservations may flout their quotas. Prices tends to slip.

Delegates said a majority including the Saudis would probably go along with an accord in Geneva to raise the ceiling by 600,000 to 24.2 million b/d for July-September.

The International Energy Agency, the West's Paris-based "watchdog," said in its latest monthly oil report Monday that this was the likely basic requirement for OPEC crude before any additions to consumer stocks.

This is also the level of actual OPEC output now, including above quota "leakage" by Iran and others, according to the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), a Nicosia-based news-

Iran officials deny that Iran is quota busting, but allege that others are doing so.

# Iran close to rescheduling \$3b debts

TEHRAN (R) — Iran's central bank governor Mohammad Hossein Adeli said Mondav his country was close to agreement with foreign bankers on rescheduling overdue debts totalling \$2.5 to \$3

billion. Mr. Adeli told a news conference in Tehran that the overdue amount was part of a total of \$6 billion outstanding short term

"We are negotiating with our partners... (and) will settle very soon," Mr. Adeli said.

He said the amount was trivial in a country the size of Iran with a guaranteed large oil income and dismissed as unfounded figures which put Iran's total debts at \$30

The central bank governor said

that the \$30 billion figure apparently included the total of all contracts signed by Iran. It was not a figure of Iran's total debts and was in any case outdated, he said.

Mr. Adeli also dismissed reports that the current floating rate of the rival was artificially supported by central bank in-

He said the rate was "based purely on supply and demand" and predicted it would go stron-

Traders in Tehran say some people who believed that the central bank was keeping the riyal high were buying dollars in the belief that intervention would end after the June 11 presidential elections.

### Russia to form new oil giants in restructuring

MOSCOW (R) - Russia plans to form at least three new oil companies this year to give the industry a more competitive edge, the president of the state oil firm Rosneft said.

"We should create no less than three similar structures to Lukoil, Yukos and Surgutneftegaz in 1993," Alexander Putilov told Reuters in an interview.

The three companies named are the forerunners in a major restructuring of the oil industry involving the creation of several

conglomerates with operations from well-head to petrol pump. "In the next three years, this work should be completed. The conditions should be created for our oil companies to be internally

competitive and capable of com-

peting on the world market." Mr.

Putilov said. Rosneft, itself established only in April as the vehicle for restructuring, will represent the interests of the state in each of the new firms and coordinate the activities of the entire oil production and

"Rosneft is not some kind of supreme body standing above all others. We are not dictators. We are partners with the new firms." Mr. Putilov said.

"The market should determine the optimal number of these companies, how many we need to ensure adequate supplies of oil products on the Russian market and to compete on the world market," he pointed out.

"No one knows how many structures will be enough or too

much. I know the names of the new firms but it is somewhat premature to disclose them," he

The new firms, like the existing ones, will be formed on the basis of state production associations and refineries as they are transformed into joint stock companies.

Rosneft will hold 38 per cent of shares in each of them. Russia is the world's second

biggest oil producer after Saudi

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MARKET PLACE

# KIO's Torras announces \$1.65b loss for 1991-92

Investment Office's (KIO's) object of a criminal lawsuit filed Spanish subsidiary, Grupo Torras by the KIO in January. S.A., Sunday announced a huge 197.5 billion peseta (\$1.65 billion) loss in the two years 1991 and 1992, and said its net worth was completely wiped out.

Torras, an industrial holding company with interests in paper, chemicals and fertilisers, foods and real estate, filed for receivership in December.

The figures, sent to Spain's securities watchdog body, the CNMV, show the industrial holding company's net losses soared to 153.1 billion pesetas (\$1.28 billion last year from 44.4 billion) (\$370 million) in 1991.

Torras put much of the blame for the losses on the former management team that resigned in

MADRID (R) - The Kuwait May 1992 and which was the

The company provisioned 55.07 billion pesetas (\$459 million) last year for these loans against 22.23 billion (\$185 million) provisioned in 1991.

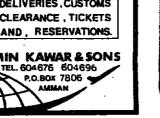
It said some beneficiaries of these loans were not financially solid enterprises, with capital in some cases of not more than 500,000 pesetas (\$4,000).

The figures show Torras's net worth at end 1992 was a negative 141.8 billion pesetas (\$1.18 billion), against a positive 11.28 billion (\$94 million) in 1991. while reserves fell to a negative 10.27 billion (\$86 million) from a positive 34.18 billion (\$285 mil-

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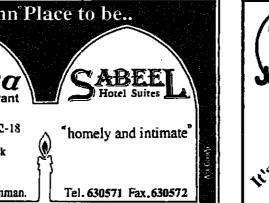
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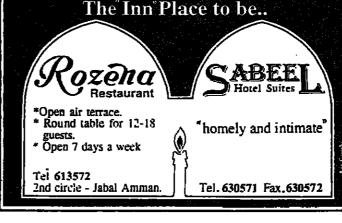
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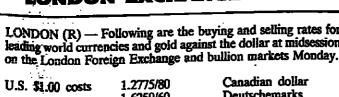


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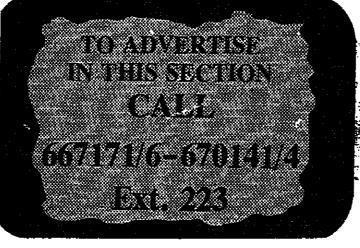
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Bandits hit armoured

car company again, bagging \$2.7 million

PONTOISE, France (AP)

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# **Bosnian Serbs still blocking U.N.** entry into Gorazde

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Bosnian Serb forces reportedly shelled two of the six "safe areas" for Muslims, while Bosnian Serb commander Gen. Ratko Mladic Monday again thwarted U.N. efforts to reach one of them.

Gorazde and Srebrenica, Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia. came under Serb attack over the weekend, and blocked-off Gorazde was being shelled again Monday for a 12th consecutive day, Bosnian Radio said.

Mladic has been unavailable for any negotiatins since Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic tentatively promised last Thursday to allow U.N. military observers into Gorazde.

The attacks in Gorazde killed six civilians, three of them children, and wounded 26 Sunday, Bosnian radio said.

In Srebrenica, five children were wounded in late-night shelling Saturday and another three villages in the enclave were shelled Sunday, the radio said. There was no independent confirmation

spokesman for U.N. peacekeepers, said he had no information on Srebrenica, where 300 Canadians are stationed as military observers.

But he noted that heavy machine-gun fire and other shooting was occurring just out-side the demarcation line for the "safe area," and that Serb forces continued to block U.N. access to a broken pumping station that would be needed to restore water

As summer temperatures clim, aid workers are concerned about outbreaks of typhus and other diseases in the overcrowded filthy

Gorazde is the last enclave in eastern Bosnia that Muslims actually control. Zepa and Sreb-renica are surrounded by Serb forces who stopped their attacks only after U.N. observers were sent to the areas.

All three towns are among the safe areas" declared by the U.N. Security Council last Friday for Bosnia's Muslims. The others f the reports. are Sarajevo, Tuzla in central Commander Barry Frewer, Bosnia and Bihac in the north-

Gen. Philippe Morillon, U.N. commander for Bosnia-Herzegovina, was in Bihac Monday to review the fighting there,' Mr. Frewer said.

Monday morning so ambulances

could retrieve wounded from sur-

bread dashed across streets as

bullets whizzed overhead, and

surgeons fought to save the lives

of the town's only hospital.

of the wounded in the basement

Dr. Mirsad Granov said his

staff of 40 Serb, Muslim and

Croat doctors and nurses were

desperately short of drugs and

died because we were unable to

get them out of town for better

for emergency surgery, 80 per cent were Muslim soldiers, he

treatment," he said.

"At least three of the injured

Of the 150 wounded brought in

Granov said he knew there wre

many more casualties in outlying areas where much of the fighting

The injured lay moaning in the

corridors, moved out of wards hit

by anti-aircraft cannon shells.

One old woman, a bandage on

her face and throat, cried out for

nayoral races across the country.

were keeping to the pattern set by 1992 parliamentary elections and

few local elections since then:

Casting ballots against the Christ-

ian Democrats — who have

World War II — the Socialists

Winners in Sunday's vote

appeared to be the anti-mafia

party, La Rete, and the Milan-

based Northern League, which

campaigned on an anti-

A trickle of initial results re-

Milan was where the first

arrests in nationwide scandals

were made 16 months ago, which

have since implicated more than

MANAGUA (R) — The Organisation of American States

(OAS), is weighing whether to recommend a worldwide oil and

trade embargo on Haiti to press-

ure its military-backed govern-

ment to return to democracy.

At the OAS's 23rd general assembly in Nicaragua Sunday.

country after country called for

stricter enforcement of an ex-

isting OAS embargo while the United States called for a global

The 34-nation organisation

siapped a Pan-American trade

embargo on Haiti soon after the

military toppled elected President

Jean-Bertrand Aristide in a

September 1991 military coup.

But vital oil supplies to the Carib-

bean nation kept arriving from

countries outside the Americas,

U.S. President Bill Clinton has

directed Secretary of State War-

ren Christopher to consult with

the United Nations "on the possi-

bility of creating a worldwide

sanctions programme against Haiti," said U.S. Undersecretary

of State Clifton Wharton at the

meeting in the Nicaraguan capit-

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Exit polls indicated that voters

Women cradling loaves of

rounding villages.

Meanwhile Muslim and Croat guns fell largely silent Monday after a 48-hour battle for the central Bosnian town of Travnik. Civilians emerged from makeshift shelters clutching bottles and cans, braving sporadic sniper fire in their hunt for food and water.

"It's been very bad, terrible." said 16-year-old Adin. "There's only one shop open and we've no water or electricity."

Fighting crupted between the two sides — onetime allies against Bosnia's rebel Serbs — Thursday night, rapidly intensify-ing Friday despite efforts by Un-ited Nations peacekeepers and European Community monitors to broker a ceasefire.

A truce agreed Saturday between Croat and Muslim commanders was shattered within

A new ceasefire was agreed

# S. Korea conditionally accepts talks with North

Monday it would accept a North Korean offer to hold talks at the border Tuesday but insisted Pyongyang's nuclear programme

should top the agenda.

In a letter to the North, South Korean Prime Minister Hwang In-Sung said two Southern delegates would be sent to the border

village of Panmunjom at 10 a.m. (0100 GMT) Tuesday. But he said the two sides should first try to resolve a disoute over the North's refusal to allow access to two suspect nuclear sites — a condition that the North has spurned in more than two weeks of haggling over a

The North insists the meeting should discuss the exchange of special envoys who in turn would discuss a first-ever meeting be-tween the presidents of North

"We are not sure the North will attend the meeting tomorrow be-cause of the difference in each other's position," a spokesman of the South-North Dialogue Office

Italians punish the old

In his letter, Mr. Hwang expressed regret the North was not willing to introduce the nuclear issue at the proposed talks.

"The nuclear issue is the most urgent problem the South and North should resolve. It will be impossible for the two sides to restore trust without resolution of the nuclear issue," Mr. Hwang

"After providing a break-through in the nuclear issue at working-level talks, we hope the exchange of special envoys can be discussed," he said.

The North heightened suspi-cions it was hiding a nuclear weapons programme when it gave three months' notice on March 12 that it would withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Though denying any plans to Korea took the step rather than permit the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to in-spect two military sites where the west suspects a nuclear arsenal is

being developed.
South Korean officials said

The results show that every-

where there's an unstoppable

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Mario Segni, a reform leader who

broke with the Christian Demo-

In Milan, projections indicated that Christian Democrat city

driving fake police cars kidnapped three armoured car company employees and forced them to hand of the plant over \$2.7 million in the same of the same over \$2.7 million in the same over Sedul would seek tougher action unless Pyongyang rejoined the treaty before Saturday, when the over \$2.7 million in cash, police said Sunday. The robbery said Securipost in the western Panis for

The United States last week held two rounds of talks with the North in New York in unsuccessful attempts to persuade Pyongyang to change its mind.

South Korean officials say a

withdrawal takes effect.

third round of talks is expected to be held later this week but that chances of a breakthrough are The United States made it clear that if the discussions failed, it would seek further action against

the North by the U.N. Security Council, which last month adopted a resolution calling on Pyongyang to comply with its nuclear inspection obligations under the NPT. South Korean officials suspect

that the North's move to exchange special envoys with South Korea to discuss an inter-Korea summit might be a public relations ploy to divert international attention from its nuclear issue.

### ment-owned postal service. Italian wins Van Cliburn

oged over 2 piano contest

In Phnom Penh the CPP and its spices of the Van Cliburn Found-

Preah Vihear, the fighting was in been rushed to reinforce a platoon of colleagues under attack by guerrillas there, U.N. spokes-

man Eric Falt told a news brief-He said 150 to 200 soldiers believed to be Khmer Rouge attacked the platoon in waves early Monday. The Pakistanis returned fire with several thousand rounds and 36 mortar bombs

The Khmer Rouge in Preah Vihear come under the control of the notorious one-legged com-

The attack on the Pakistani compound and a nearby government arm base came just two days after 22 Pakistani soldiers peacekeeping zone, in Somalia, east Africa. In the Cambodian attack two Pakistani peacekeep-

One of them lost part of his leg. Figures released by U.N. election organisers gave the main opposition FUNCINPEC Party an overall 6.6 per cent lead over its arch-rival, the CPP, which is

The government will take 51. the minor opposition Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party 10 and one will go to a smaller party, according to projections based on party percentages.

registration cards or had them seized at gunpoint were still being checked. The U.N. said final results were expected Wednes-

braved threats of violence from Khmer Rouge guerrillas who boycotted the election. They east their ballots in the hope of ending a quarter of a century of brutality, autocracy and warfare.

independent inquiry. CPP spokesman Sok An said

claim. coalition government but had to drop the plan the next day

### Cambodia **Royalists** stretch lead

PHNOM PENH (R) — Cambodia's Royalist opposition built on its election win with results from the final province Monday but the government has so far refused to concede defeat, repeating demands for an inquiry into "irregu-In the far north of the country,

suspected Khmer Rouge guerril-las attacked Pakistani U.N. punishing of the parties and candidates incapable of making a peacekeepers with rockets, morclean break with the past," said tars and small arms. Results issued Monday from

Kompong Cham Province, the country's largest, gave FUNCIN-PEC 10 of the 18 seats, with six for the former communists' Cambodian People's Party (CPP). The province is the home of CPP Prime Minister Hun Sen and the party's poor showing there represents a personal political defeat for him.

rivals continued to trade verbal punches in what one envoy described as "shadow boxing." But in the northern province of

"and are thought to have injured or killed several assailants."

mander. Ta Mok. were killed in another U.N. ers were wounded, Mr. Falt said.

the political wing of the govern-ment installed by Vietnamese invaders in 1979.

With regular ballots from last month's poll counted in all 21 provinces, FUNCINPEC was projected as taking 58 seats in a new 120-seat constituent assem-

Ballots cast by voters who lost

Nine out of 10 registered voters

U.N. Cambodia chief Yasushi Akashi called the turnout a stinging rebuke to the men of violence" and certified the voting as free and fair. But the government party has alleged "massive

irregularities" and demanded an Monday that the party would soon issue evidence to back this

Neutral head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk last Thursday announced the formation of a

# Moderate alliance claims most votes in Latvia poll

alliance of former communists and emigres claimed the biggest share of votes in Latvia's first post-Soviet elections but nobody gained an outright majority, the electoral commission said

Latvian Way, led by parliamentary chairman and former communist ideology chief Anatolijs Gorbunovs, scored 32.38 per cent of the vote in the two-day weekend election. Most of Latvia's big ethnic

Russian community was denied the right to vote because of tough citizenship rules which Moscow has strongly denounced. Leading members of Latvian Way claimed victory in the poll, and said they would now start

looking for coalition partners to

help form a new government.

"Tomorrow we will consider very seriously who to choose as a possible coalition partner," said Janis Vaivads, one of the alliance's senior members. "I think our first negotiations will be

NEW YORK (R) - About 300

months at sea and swam for their

lives when their ship ran aground

will stay in custody for months to

discourage others from making

the same treacherous voyage,

immigrants, who paid smugglers up to 30,000 to start new life in

America, died after trying to

swim to shore from the freighter

Golden Venture in the early Sun-

day darkness at a beach in the

New York Borough of Queens.

unaccounted for, local radio sta-

tions said Monday. It was un-

known whether they had

drowned or succeeded in wading ashore and joining New York's vast underclass of illegal Asian

Police early Monday kept sear-

ching the area with tracking dogs

for migrants who may have made

it ashore. People living nearby

were told to be alert for the

passengers, as were toll takers on

a bridge leading to the beach,

Rescuers described a chaotic

scene as the freighter sat on a

sandbar buffetted by waves early

local radio reported.

About 20 passengers were still

Eight of the would-be illegal

officials said

immigrants.

per cent of the weekend poll, according to initial figures from the electoral commission.

"We won because we didn't attack anyone, we just presented our programme," said emigre politician Gunars Meierovics, of the World Federation of Free Latvians and Latvian Way.

But hardline parties who seek tough restrictions on the rights of Russians resident in the tiny Baltic state also gained a sizeable share of the vote. Russians make up more than a

third of Latvia's population but only families of pre-war settlers, who number about 300,000, were allowed to vote under strict citizenship rules. Massive Soviet-era immigra-

tion left Latvians numbering only just over half of their country's 2.7 million people and anxious to keep the political upper hand.
The second biggest party in the
weekend poll was the Latvian National Independence Movement (LNNK), with 13.35 per

cent of the vote.

climbing down the ladders, trying to swim," said firefighter Michael

Penna, one of the first rescuers at

the scene. "But the current kept

pulling them... they were knock-

ing up against the jetties," he

The freighter was the 24th ves-

sel carrying would-be immigrants

that has been intercepted on U.S.

shores since August 1991, U.S. immigration officials said.

Most of the roughly 270 passengers in the custody of U.S.

immigration authorities have

asked for political asylum. In

most such asylum cases, the re-

fugees are released while author-

But the vast majority never

return for their hearings six

months later. Instead they van-

ish, sometimes working as inde-

ntured servants to pay off their

debts to the smugglers.

To prevent the Golden Ven-

ture immigrants from doing just

that, the U.S. Immigration and

Naturalisation Service (INS) said

it will keep the passengers in

custody no matter how long it

to hold them as long as we have to," said William Slattery, head

of the New York office of the

"We are making arrangements

takes to handle their cases.

"They were all jumping off, INS. "The chances are they know

ities consider their cases.

Chinese freighter migrants

face months in U.S. jails

nearly a million Russians who settled in Latvia after it was unnexed by the Soviet Union in

The ultra-nationalist Fatherland and Freedom Party got 5.36 per cent of the vote. Some Latvian Way members have privately ruled out cooperation with the LNNK because of the right-wing past of its leader Joshims Ziger-

Zigerists, a German emigre who says his father was a Latvian, is being investigated in Germany for incitement to racial batred. Another party gaining par-liamentary seats after the weekend poil was the Harmony Party of former Foreign Ministe Janis Jurkans, which won 11.99 per cent. The party campaigned

for inter-ethnic understanding.
The pro-Russian Equal Rights
Party got 5.77 per cent of the
vote, but the ruling Popular
Front, which took Latvia to independence in 1991, polled less than four per cent of the vote the threshold needed to win seats

they will get to remain bere, and

that's an inducement for more to

come... We plan to shut down

Coast guard officials said they were told by the passengers that

they had been at sea for 100 days

with only one meal a day during

their voyage from China, across

the Indian Ocean and up to the

Television pictures of the in-

side of the ship showed stark cargo holds where the passengers lived among piles of clothing, garbage and other debris. Authorities believe that orga-

nised crime gangs are behind the

Indonesian, is among those being

held. He and the 12-member

crew are expected to be charged

with smuggling, according to federal officials.

on Rockaway Beach as they

struggled to swim ashore in the

cold surf, the city's ambulance

service said. Two more died in

hospitals, where 25 others were

held overnight, the service said. A total of 295 were handed

over to INS authorities. Police

said four more were found later

by the National Park Service after

Six refugees died at the scene

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illegal immigration.

this traffic.'

Atlantic.

guard in local elections ROME (AP) - In the first big "Today for the first time in the test of voter sentiment following iubilant Umberto Bossi, whose history of the Italian republic, we a year of scandals, Italians Northern League triumphed in vote more for the men than for much of the north, according to the parties," wrote Paolo Mieli, Corriere Della Sera's editor-inhed the major parties in

exit poll projections done for state and private television net-The elections in Milan and 121 other cities and more than 1,000 small towns marked the first time that Italians nationwide directly voted for mayors, a change brought on by a growing cry for

Before Sunday, only small towns in Sicily had directed mayors directly, having instituted the reform two years ago. But amid ever-widening scandals, parliament this year passed a law so that direct elections applied to

larger cities as well. Italians used to vote for political parties, and bosses of the winning party would choose who would take office. The new system - also to be instituted in the

council candidates were polling just 8.7 per cent of the vote, down 11 per cent from the last

city elections in 1990. The Democrat Party of the left, also hit by the scandals, was polling 12.3 per cent, down 6.3 from 1990. Socialists appeared to suffer the worst setbacks, tumb-ling to 2.5 per cent, a 15.9 per 2,000 politicians and business- senate - is expected to make cent plunge from 1990 local vot-

crats this year.

### politicians more accountable. OAS considers | Angola says 300 died global embargo in rebel train attack

LISBON (R) - About 300 peoput the death toil at about 100 ple died in a rebel attack on a train in southern Angola late last month, General Joao de Matos, chief of staff of the armed Forces, said Monday.

"UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) attacked a train causing the death, up to yesterday, of about 300 people," he told Portugal's TSF radio in an interview during

visit to Lisbon. First reports of the attack at Quipungo, 800 kilometres south

"It was a barbarous attack by UNITA a purely civilian train." Gen. Matos said. He said the train had run daily on Angola's southernmost rail-

with a further 150 wounded.

way line between Matala and the Atlantic port of Namibe since independence in 1975 throughout Angola's civil war. UNITA says the train was carrying soldiers, many of them in

civilian clothes, and arms and ammunition to launch a new offensive in southern Angola.

### of the capital Luanda on May 27. Sanchez de Lozada proclaims **Bolivian presidential victory**

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) - Gonzalo Sanchez de Lazada proclaimed victory in the presidential elections Monday and promised to work for a government based on social justice and honesty. The election Sunday was wide-

ly considered the most peaceful and open in the country's history. Thousands of supporters cheered Sanchez de Lozada and his running mate, Victor Hugo Cardenas, as they spoke at a

victory rally shortly past mid-

Sanchez de Lazada's party, the Revolutionary Nationalist Move-

based on 75 per cent of the vote. Sanchez de Lozada's victory in eight out of nine departments paves the way for his likely victory in a runoff in congress, which will convene Aug. 6 to elect Bolivia's 78th president from among the top three vote-getters

Former dictator General Hugo Banzer Suarez, 67, had an estimated 21 per cent, the results showed.

A former military ruler who took power in 1971 after a bloody military coup. Banzer Suarez was removed from office in 1978 by another military ruler and formed Nationalist Democratic Action

### Canada has proposed going even further against the Port-Aument, was ahead Monday with at least 35 per cent of the vote, Prince government, calling for a according to provisional results

### Broadway honours the best of a lean theatre season "I'd like to thank my extended Its competition included Wen-

NEW YORK (AP) - "Kiss of the Spider Woman" and "The Who's Tommy" shared the prize for best score Sunday night as the 1993 Tony Awards get underway. Accepting the prize were Pete Townshend, author of "Tommy," and composer John Kander and lyricist Fred Ebb of "Spider

"This couldn't really be better for me to be honoured in this way," Mr. Townshend said of the unusual tie. "I've seen their show twice and loved it. I've seen my Playwright Terrence McNally

show 100 times - I hate it." of "Spider Woman" picked up the best book award,

Anthony Crivello, the die-hard revolutionary in "Spider Woman," and Andrea Martin, who played a wise-cracking comedy writer in "My Favourite Year." won Featured-Acting-InArmenian family for giving me my roots and my hairdresser Gary for restoring them to their natural colour," said Ms. Martin as she rushed through her acceptance speech.

It was a battle between the two big musicals — "Tommy" and "Spider Woman" — that provided the suspense.

Each show got 11 Tony nominations - more than any other production - but figuring which one would receive the coveted Best-Musical Prize was no easy task.

There was little uncertainty about the award for best play: "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" was the overwhelming favourite. Tony Kushner's epic AIDS drama already has won the Pulitzer Prize as well as the New York Drama Critics' Circle and Drama Desk Awards.

dy Wasserstein's highly praised comedy "The Sisters Rosensweig" and two more remote possibilities, "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me," a Middle East hostage drama, and "the Song of Jacob zulu." about the making of a South African revolutionary

The best musical category became something of a generational contest. "Tommy," an MTVinspired adaptation of the Who's classic rock opera, battled "Spider Woman." with music by John Kander and Fred Ebb, the veteran songwriting team behind "Cabaret" and "New York, New "Spider Woman," a stark taje

of love and torture set in a Latin

American jail, is the latest in-

carnation of the Manuel Puig

novel. The 1985 film version won

William Hurt an Academy

Brothers," a British musical about twins separated at birth, and "The Goodbye Girl," Neil Simon's reworking of his 1977 film about the romance between a single mother and an unemployed actor. The 1992-93 Broadway season

ended with mixed results. There were record ticket sales of \$327.7 million and a rise in attendance to 7.86 million, up from 7.38 million the previous year. Yet much of the boost was due to increased ticket prices and the continued strength of older

'Guys And Dolls," "Crazy For You." You." "Jelly's Last Jam" and "The Will Rogers Follies" were still finding audiences, as well as four seemingly indestructible British musicals: "Cats," "Les Miserables," "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Miss Saigon,"

The year's 33 productions were mostly undistinguished and none generated much excitement until Angels in America," "Tommy' and "Spider Woman" arrived late in the season. Only nine new plays opened during the season. Two of them were one-man efforts and a third was the clown show "Fool Moon," starring Bill Irwin and David Shiner.

The 47th annual Tony Show presented by the American theatre Wing and the League of American Theatres and Producers, was televised live by CBS from the Gershwin Theatre with host Liza Minnelli. A special Tony Award for out-

standing regional theatre, recommended by the American Theatre Critics Association, was given to the La Jolla Playhouse in Califor-

Also honoured was "Oklahoma" the landmark Rodgers and

ing its 50th anniversary. Two other special awards were given, one to the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada, and another to Broadway Cares-Equity Fights AIDS, an entertainment industry

A 12-member panel of theatre professionals chose the nominees in 19 competitive categories. The winners were picked by 668 members of the theatrical community, including producers, journalists, actors, playwrights, directors, designers, chorcographers and casting directors.

The Tonys are named for Antoinette Perry, who was a leading force in the American Theatre Wing during World War II and a founder of the Stage

### gating but had no suspects. No artis a arrests have been made in the his March 1 holdup in which seven the office bandis took 13 employees hose add the same denot of Comments of the same denoted of the same tage at the same depot of Securipost, a subsidiary of the govern-

Simone Pedroni, a modest- 24 ranofitie in FORT WORTH, Texas (R) year-old from Novara, Italy, making his debut in the United States, on Sunday won the prestigious states and a cliburn International cultural rate a Piano Competition. The gold states (12) medal was banded to Man Parket and reasons reasons. medal was handed to Mr. Pedrosa and process by Fort Worth native Van Class burn, who began his successful taken the concert career by winning the result in Moscow in 1958. The Competition is old my burn Moscow in 1958. The Competition is old my burn Moscow in 1958. in Moscow in 1958. The silver to will like it medalist was Valery Kuleshov, 30, from Moscow, an early a gold in favourite. Third place went to s mand cere Christopher Tyler, 23, of Boston, since with a the only American to reach the a finals although seven competed. I note After the awards ceremony, the six, he and to finalists including Johan Schmidt, and for set 28, of Brussels, Armen Babakha, the language nian of Yerevan, Armenia, and departs a Seal Bidini, 24, of Arezo, Italy, addressed a present a seal of the addressed a present and the seal of y, addressed a press conference.
"I am walking on air," Pedroni said through an interpreter. Air said through an interpreter. Air said the experienced concert planist, he is very usel said credited his teachers, "who said the concert planist, he is very usel still have a lot to teach interpretation in the concept have to the said. The Van Clibura interpretation is hald in small sets. tional Piano Competition is held a sust is to every four years under the and To Bettings

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ation. The first competition was

held in 1962, four years after Van ROLL C Cliburn won his award in

"Ja Milwaut, PEKING (R) — A Chinese courthas sentenced to death a man who sold his mother, wife and smill laps and daughter into slavery, an official smill laps and newspaper said. Liu Lei, from Linshui County in central laworth at a Sichuan Province, was unable to illing on mich and instead scavenged in Year. PEKING (R) — A Chinese court -Sichuan Province, was unable to the keep a job and instead scavenged ( keep a job and instead scavenged ( keep) keep a job and instead scavenges (kph) for things to sell on local markets, Siell secon Tianjin's Jin Wan Bao said. "After the sold all the objects he had the find Cost found in his neighbourhood, he ford Cosa decided to sell his family members." the newspaper said. Line the first tricked his wife into accompanying him on a trip to easter the fifth in Shandong Province, where he was life in a family members. Shandong Province, where he will in sold her to a farmer for 1,400 yuan (\$245). One year later and who has it short of cash, he told his fouryear-old daughter he would take her to see her mother, but instead packed her off to a farmer in Hebei Province for 450 yuan (\$80). Two months later he tricked his mother into thinking she was going to visit her granddaughter — and sold her to the 3 bar another Hebei farmer for 1,200 another Hebei farmer for 1,200 and with the years, Lin Lei has abducted and sold 15 women apart from his mother, wife and daughter," the newspap: er said, adding that a local judge had given him the death sentence. The abduction and enslavement of women and children is a growing crime in China, where is leacher growing crime in China, was a sufficient many farmers are willing to pay Mont Post

### It doesn't pay to advertise in English

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JAKARTA (R) — Companies using a foreign language in street advertisements in the Indonesian advertisements in the Indonesian officials jailed under regulations coming into force next month, the Jakarta Post daily reported Monday. "The measure is to enhance citizens' appreciation of their own language," it quoted a Jakarta official as explaining. Many firms stick foreign words, invariably English, into their billboard advertisements. A foreign language may be used from July 7 but it must be in smaller letters and under the Indonesian words.
The paper quoted city councillors as suggesting that for example the U.S. fast-food chain Kentucky Fried Chicken should precede its name with Ayam Goreng, which is Indonesian for fried chicken-

# Bruguera advances standing; Graf may miss Wimbledon

PARIS (Agencies) — Two years ago Sergi Bruguera had to drop out of the French Open with back

In 1993, Bruguera was on his back — in celebration. He had just become the French Open champion, beating two-time winner Jim Courier, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in a see-saw match just short of four hours.

This time he was sore. But •

'I was tired. I had a sore head, a headache," Bruguera said. "I think it was emotion and also because I was tired."

Bruguera of Spain moved up to fifth place from 11th in the men's rankings issued by the ATP Tour Monday after his victory over Courier in Sunday's final.

Playing in his first Grand Slam final, the 22-year-old Spaniard privailed to halt Courier's French Open winning streak at 20 matches and thwart his bid to join Bjorn Borg as the only man to win three straight titles.

"I was in heaven for a moment," Bruguera said. "It's unbelievable when your dream comes true. It was the best feeling I've

As Bruguera twitched in ec-stasy with his arms covering his face, Courier jogged over, pulled him up, and the two men hugged. Bruguera then ran off the court to embrace his father and coach.

Bruguera, usually a man of few words, was ebullient after accepting the Musketeers Cup from io er French tennis great Jean Borotra.

"Til tell you a secret," he told the crowd in French. "Ever since I was six years old, my birthday wish has been to win the French Open."

Courier, who spoke in French at last year's award ceremony, delighted the fans with another French speech.

"Last year, I spoke like a Spanish cow," he said, using a French expression for someone who butchers the language. "This year, I played against a Spanish

"No, that wasn't funny," Courier continued. "Congratulations to Sergi. Very well played, especially in the fifth set."

Bruguera came into the match... as a heavy underdog diaving lost to Courier in straight sets in their four previous meetings. What's

here since 1990, when he was beaten in the quarterfinals by Andre Agassi.

The match was played in draining heat and humidity, with temperatures approaching 100 victory in Saturday's women's findegrees (32 C) on court: Each player changed shirts at least half al over American Mary Joe Fernandez took her past Monica Seles to the top of the world rankings, hurt her foot near the a dozen times.

The match was filled with long games and included a total of 40 break points — 26 for Bruguera and 14 for Courier. Bruguera broke serve five times. Courier

Graf may miss Wimbledon with foot injury

Newly crowned French Open women's champion Steffi Graf played her Paris semifinals and final with pain-killing injections and may have to pull out of Wimbledon because of a foot injury, medical officials said

Graf, defending champion and four times a winner at Wimbledon, delayed her planned departure to London Monday to have further tests on the foot.

Since Bjorn Borg of Sweden won both the French and Wimbledon titles in 1980, no man has Doctors at the Paris tournasuccessfully been able to make the sudden adjustment from clay ment said she may have an achilles tendon problem or a stress

Men's ATP Standing	5
1. Pete Sampras (U.S.)	3,880 Points
2. Jim Courier (U.S.)	3,385 "
3. Stefan Edberg (Sweden)	3,061 "
4. Boris Becker (Germany)	2.577 "
5. Sergi Bruguera (Spain)	2.550 n
6. Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia)	2.431 "
7. Ivan Lendi (U.S.)	2,262 "
8. Andrei Medvedev (Ukraine)	2.017 "
9. Michael Stich (Germany)	1,982 "
0. Peter Korda (Czech Republic)	1,946 "
1. Michael Chang (U.S.)	1,925 "
2. Richard Krajicek (Netherlands)	1,855 "
2. Andre Arrel (IIC)	1,000
3. Andre Agasi (U.S.)	19074
4. Karel Novacek (Czech Republic)	Times
5. Thomas Muster (Austria)	1,572 "

Men's singles — Sergi Bruguera, Spain, Men's doubles — Luke and Murphy Jensen, United States Women's singles - Steffi Graf, Germany Women's doubles - Gigi Fernandez, United States and Natalia

Zvereva Belarus Mixed doubles - Eugenia Maniokova, Russia, and Andrei Olbovskiy Russia

Junion boy's singles - Roberto Carretero, Spain. Junior boy's doubles — Steven Downs, New Zeland, and James Greenhalgh, New Zealand.

Junior girl's singles — Martina Hingis, Switzerland:

Junior girl's doubles — Laurence Courtois, Belgium and Nancy

# Mansell captures 1st oval track win

WriST ALLIS, Wisconsin (R) -Fc. mula One world champion Nigel Mansell notched his second victory of the Indycar season and his first ever on an oval track when he won the Miller Genuine Draft 200 at the Milwaukee Mile

Mansell swept past pole-sitter Raul Boesel with 18 laps remain-ing and held off the Brazilian the rest of the way to win in his Loia-Ford Cosworth at an average speed of 110.970 miles per nour (178.584 Kph).

Boesel finished second, just 0.56 seconds behind the Briton in another Lola-Ford Cosworth. Indianapolis 500 winner Emerson Fittipaldi finished third in a

ær Jr was fifth in another Lois-Cheyrolet. Mansell, who won his first Formula One title for Williams last



ear before joining the Newman-

Haas Indycar team, opened the

Indycar season with a victory in

He had never raced oval tracks before this year and finished a

remarkable third at last

weekend's 500-mile Classic at the

injury which would almost certainly stop her playing at Wimble-

don, which starts in three weeks

They said the German, whose

end of her quarter-final with American Jennifer Capriati.

against fellow-German Anke Hu-

ber with a pain-killing injection but complained she had no sensa-

A smaller dose was adminis-

If Graf does pull out, Wimble-

don may not see either of the

French Open singles champions as the winner of the men's final

Bruguera, has still not decided

The attacking demands of grass are alien to his solid baseline

whether to take part.

tered for the final against Fernan-dez which she won in a tight

tion in the foot.

Graf played her semifinal

Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This is marvellous. The team did such a fantastic job," said Mansell, who leads the Indycar series with 70 points after five

"The boys just worked fantastic and the Ford engine just worked beautifully, it didn't miss a

Mansell, who started the race from the seventh spot on the grid after turning in slower times in qualifying than in practice at the Milwaukee Mile, stands 18 points clear of Boesel, who is second in the championship with 52 points.

Fittipaldi is third on 51 points and Mansell's teammate, Mario Andretti, who finished 18th Sunday, is fourth with 43 points.

# **NBA** finals pit Barkley vs. Jordan

Michael Jordan, one on one, eyeball to eyeball, scalp to scalp, for the NBA title.

How about a best-of-7 series just between those two? Clear off the floor and let them play to 100 halfcourt — go dunk for dunk, 3-pointer for 3-pointer, rebound for rebound. Let's see if Barkley can muscle Jordan underneath or if Jordan can fly over Barkley's

And get those microphones up close to listen to their trash talk, good, cutting taunts between friends, verbal one-upmanship to match anything they do near the

Does anyone really want to see a duel of second-rate centres, Chicago's Bill Cartwright against Phoenix's Mark West, or a matchup of point guards, Chicago's B.J. Armstrong against Kevin Johnson?

No, the thrill here goes beyond teamwork into the realm of individual brilliance, where only the special reside. In the NBA, the two who are special are "Sir Charles" and "His Airness."

Will it happen, will they truly go mano a mano, from start to finish when the finals begin here Wednesday? Regrettably, not a chance. Oh, Barkley and Jordan,

ROME (R) — Rioting marred the final weekend of the Italian

first division season Sunday with

two separate outbreaks of hooli-

people were hurt after fans of rival clubs AC Milan and Samp-

doria battled for an hour beside a

railway line near the northern

State television also reported

that fans went on the rampage in

Florence after local club Fiorenti-

na were relegated, ending a 54-

year unbroken run in the top flight.
The reports said fans hurled

stones and bottles at the police

and set a car on fire outside

Police replied by firing rounds

tear gas and baton-charging

Florence's Stadio Comunale.

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Television reports said some 50

PHOENIX (AP) — It's the old U.S. Olympic team buddies dream matchup between two dream team Olympic gold medalists: Charles Barkley versus wagers on the side. But when they get on the court they'll keep their distance even though they're both about the same

> Look for Phoenix to pit Dan Majerle on Jordan. A mismatch that could let "His Airness" score 40 or 50 a game if his wrist isn't still bothering him, or even if it is.
>
> And look for Chicago to hound
> Barkley with Horace Grant and Scottie Pippen, one to bump him inside, the other to chase him

Sure, there will be moments when Barkley and Jordan collide, times when they'll switch off to face each other or go after the same loose balls. But mostly they'll be squaring off across the court from each other, trying to match shots.

"Michael is a great player, and I'm a great player," Barkley said after notching 44 points and 24 rebounds Saturday against Seattle. "We'll get our points, but the other players will determine the championship series. It won't be me or Michael.

"It'll be Scottie Pippen for Chicago. Or Kevin Johnson or Dan Majerle or Tom Chambers or Danny Ainge for us. We're here because of the other guys. This ain't about two guys and the little

Dane Brian Laudrup and Ger-

man Stefan Effenberg last sum-

mer, roared into a 4-0 halftime

lead thanks to a double by Argen-

tine striker Gabriel Batistuta and

They extended the lead to 6-0

two more goals from fellow for-

but conceded two irrelevant late

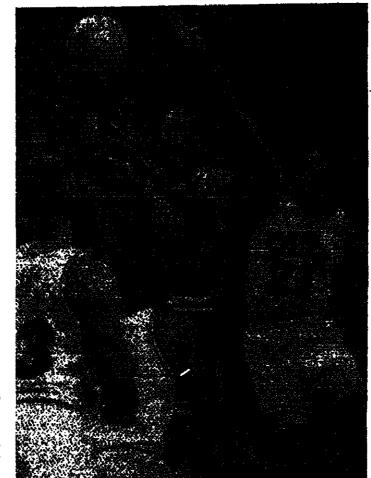
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ward Francesco Baiano.

Violence mars final week

of Italian soccer season



Bulls star Michael Jordan (No. 23) will be hard to stop

sisters of the crippled." Well, yes, but it's these particular two guys, Charles and Michael, who at any moment can take over a game as no one else in the NBA, and it's because of

these two guys that the nation will be watching.
The Bulls and Suns split two

games this year, oddly with the winner both times on the loser's

### Oman preparing to host international chess tourney

1,000 years ago, is preparing to thrust itself into the forefront of modern play with a world title match between Russian Anatoly Karpov and Dutchman Jan Timman, sports officials said Mon-

results were going against them.
Brescia beat Sampdoria 3-1 despite playing almost an hour with just 10 men after midfielder Stefano Bonometti had been sent Second half goals from Sergio Domini and a late penalty by Romanian striker Florin Radu-

cioiu gave Brescia their win and denied 1991 league champions Udinese, promoted with Brescia a year ago, salvaged a 1-1

The volatile Florence fans reacted violently to the relegation, going on the rampage out-side the Stadio Comunale with draw at Roma and a play-off place thanks to a goal 10 minutes from time from midfielder Stefastones and bottles thrown and a The two teams were kept inside no Desideri. Champions Milan ended the the stadium for over an hour after

season with just one win in their final 12 matches after drawing at the match for their own safety. Fiorentina, who spent some \$20 million on players such as

in Marj Al Hamam,

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MUSCAT (AP) — Oman, where ing back to the 10th and 11th there is evidence of chess games centuries, are made of sandstone

They said Karpov and Timman are expected to travel to the Sultanate in October for the second phase of a play-off organised by the International Chess

The federation, based in Lucerne, Switzerland, is to confirm this week that the first 12 of 24 games will be held in the Netherlands and the remainder in the Omani capital of Muscat, the sources said. The federation still needs to sort out whether Amsterdam or Amheim will host the first phase

During the past 18 months. archaeologists led by Juris Zarins of Southwest Missouri State University have discovered remains of chess pieces and boards at what they claim was Arabia's "Atlantis of the sands," the lost city of Ubar, more than 500 miles (800 kilometres) southwest of

The early Islamic remains, dat-

and include pawns, an elephant (equivalent to the western bishop), a wazir, or minister (queen) and, Zarins recently revealed, a king with a star on his

"Surprisingly we have evidence that the people had a fair amount of leisure time and had gaming devices of one kind and another. I think it was the Las Vegas of the east or something like that," Zarins told the Associated Press in reference to the wealthy inhabitants of the staging post, who profited from control of trade routes across Arabia....

Historians say that chess ori-ginated in India in the 6th century and spread west to Persia and Arabia. The name chess is generally accepted as being derived from the Persian king or ruler.

The venue for the chess tourna-

ment is the luxurious Al Bustan Palace, a hotel overlooking the Gulf of Oman. Sure to catch the eyes of the chess experts is a 16-square-foot (1.4-square-metre) chess board with 2-foot (60-centimetre) high pieces set in the ornate hotel's immaculately manicured grounds.

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### Bosnian team brings message to the world

WROCLAW, Poland (AP) - To get to this European basketball had to dodge sniper bullets at the Sarajevo Airport. Three people crossing with the team were shot

"It was very easy to come here," Bosnian coach Mirza Delibasic said with a wry smile.

Bosnia is competing in an extra qualifying tournament to accommodate those countries from the former Yugoslavia and Soviet Union seeking berths in the European Basketball Cham-

On Sunday, Bosnia beat Ukraine 74-66 to win a spot in the European finals, beginning June 22 in Germany.

Delebasic said his team in Sarajevo had not played a single game, or even seen a ball, for over a year since war broke out in April 1992. Still, the Bosnians defeated Poland Thursday and Estonia Saturday. Then came the victory over Ukraine.
"I am very satisfied with my

boys," Delibasic said. "They did a great job." Delibasic and seven of his 10 players took the death-defving risk to leave their war-torn country in April.

Emir Mutapcic, the Bosnian captain who now plays for the German club Alba Berlin, and two other leading players joined them shortly before the tourna-

Mutapcic, who played 220 games for the former Yugoslav national team, said the Bosnian squad is intent on boosting the morale of the people back home. Delibasic said his multi-ethnic squad also wants to prove Mus-

lims, Serbs and Croats can play together. "What's more, we must live together," he said.

Four of the players were sol-diers in Sarajevo. They fought in the first months of the war until sports officials managed to persuade their commanders that they should be withdrawn from the front line, Mutapcic said.

"They are soldiers," Delibasic stressed. "We all are soldiers for Bosnia-Herzegovina: In Sarajevo, we were fighting for our lives, the lives of our fami-

Sipping beer in Wrocław's Hala Ludowa, Delibasic reflected on "greatest adventure in my life" - the three days it took him and his players to get from Sarajevo to the safety of the Croatian city of Split on the Adriatic coast.

Delibasic and his players had to et across the Sarajevo Airport, a killing field where Serbian snipers nightly take their toll. But it is the only route out of the city for ordinary people.

With the help of friends, Delibasic and his players crossed to territory held by the Bosnian government just beyond the airport. Then they made the dangerous trek to Croatian lines and finally to Split — once an east 4-hour drive from Sarajevo.

### Penske-Chevrolet, ahead of Bobby Rahal in a Lola-Chevrolet. Al

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In an earlier column we expressed our opinion that the current crop of bridge players are no better at play-ing a hand than the stars of yesteryear. That brings to mind the late, great John rewford. When once great John rawiord. When once asked how he would play a certain combination. Crawford inquired: "Who are the other players?" "Presume they're three Crawfords," was

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

YESTERDAY'S STAR

the reply. "I would never be in that game," retorted Johnny, "It's too tough!" Crawford sat South on this hand from a rubber-bridge game. The auction could not be improved upon

might make it seem that the hand was unmakeable.

West led the queen of diamonds and Crawford made short shrift of the play. After winning the ace, de-clarer immediately ducked a club to East's nine. The return of the dia-mond king was ruffed, and the ace and queen of trumps revealed the bad news. South had already lost

one trick, and was looking at four more potential losers. Two of those soon vanished. Declarer cashed the king and ace of clubs and ruffed a club in dummy. A diamond ruff gave declarer an eighth trick, and the ace of hearts and king of trumps brought declar-er's total to 10.

Note that it was essential to duck a club before playing two rounds of trumps. If declarer does not take that precaution, West can arrange to win the first club and lead another trump, and declerer will end up a

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### **100,000** displaced in 5 weeks in south Sudan

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — In five weeks almost 100,000 civilians have been newly displaced in war-torn southern Sudan, apparently fleeing rebel infighting, the government said Mon-

William Roy Foke, minister for political affairs in Upper Nile, a southern region, said 74,000 peo-ple flocked into the regional capital Malakal and another 24,000 to the Aweil area in the southern Bahr Al Ghazal region. Malakal is 680 kilometres south

of Khartoum, at the northern edge of the war zone and usually out of reach of rebels waging civil war for 10 years. The war has often reached Aweil, 960 kilometres southwest of Khar-

Mr. Foke said the 59,000 of the Malakal group were returned to their homes in the Pibor area, 300 kilometres to the southeast. A report of his comments on the official Sudan Arab News Agency (SUNA) did not say why but indicated their home areas were judged safe.

Mr. Foke did not specify what caused the civilian exodus. But since a ceasefire was declared in the south last February, the government has accused rebel factions of breaking it repeatedly to attack army troops as well as to fight each other. It claims rebel attacks have killed scores of civilians and displaced hundreds of

The United Nations says two million civilians currently are displaced by the civil war. Aid workers estimate that as many as one million people have died in the last decade from the fighting and manmade famines it has caused.

Infighting among rebels has held up Western relief aid to starving southerners. An esti-mated four million of Sudan's 27 million inhabitants are said to be facing starvation, disease, homelessness or terrorising warfare in the continuing rebellion.

SUNA said later more aid habeen shipped by river barge the famine-stricken area.

It said a barge loaded v 1,800 tonnes of relief aid le

Sunday for Malakal. SUNA also quoted a sou Sudan's relief and rehabilitation commission as saying another barge carrying 2,800 tonnes of supplies would arrive in Juba, southern Sudan's main town, in

the next few days. Relief agencies say Juba, where 60 per cent of a population of 400,000 have been displaced by the civil war; is still critically short

of food. SUNA said a relief train would be sent soon from the north to Wau, the second largest town in

the south. Last week, a relief train dropped off a total of 1,000 tonnes of supplies at more than 16 different locations between Awiel, a major railway town in Bahr Al Ghazal state, and Wau.

### Refugees flee Liberian town after massacre

HARBEL (Agencies) — Hundreds of frightened people fled from Liberia's Harbel district on Monday after a massacre of civilians at the weekend.

About 300 people were killed in the attack early Sunday morning and 700 were wounded, Nathaniel Bartee, a doctor, said. Photographs published in Libe-

rian newspapers showed babies with their heads smashed and a woman with her belly slashed open and her unborn child ripped

Surviyors were still too shocked to describe the raid on the farming camp, near the Firestone rubber plantation about 65 kilometres east of the capital, Monrovia.

here anymore, I cannot stay here anymore," 16-year-old Sarah Toe told Reuters.

Brigadier John Adda, Ghanaian deputy commander of the West African force sent to end Liberia's civil war, blamed the rebel National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) led by Charles Taylor for the massacre.

The action of the rebels should reveal to the world the kind of people Ecomog is dealing with," he told reporters.

Mr. Taylor denies the accusation, calling it a pretext for Ecc. mog and its militia allies to launch a new offensive against him.

The camp, inhabited mostly by

farmers and rubber tappers driven from their original homes by the war, was guarded by the Armed Forces Liberia (AFL)

AFL men in 1990 carried out the worst atrocity to come to light in the war so far when they killed 600 civilians sheltering in a Monrovia church.

Survivors said Sunday's

attackers were NPFL, men who

masqueraded as allies of Ecomog

when they ordered people to

come out of their huts. They cut throats, they cut heads, threw out brains, opened stomachs and pulled out intestines, broke legs, and shot, so many bullet wounds that you cannot understand why," Augustine Mahiga, representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for

He spoke after viewing what he called isoenes more horrible than movie I've ever seen." He said the killings began just after ght Saturday and must have lasted for two hours.

The AFL area commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Venetius appeared well planned with about 50 attackers seeming attackers setting up heavy machine guns around the camp before revealing themselves

shortly after midnight.
Col. Freeman said two AFL guards at the camp fired at the raiders but were unable to prevent the slaughter. Heavy machine-gun fire stopped AFL and Ecomog reinforcements from

reaching the scene for about an Two AFL men were killed in the fighting, he added.

The raiders escaped by river with about 200 prisoners who

forced to carry rice stolen from U.N. relief supplies. None of the attackers were killed or captured, Col. Freeman

Mr. Taylor last month announced he was switching from onen confrontation with Ecomog to guerrilla tactics and attacks have been reported recently on civilians northeast of Monrovia. But in interviews with the BBC

and CNN he denied taking part in

# 2 Somalis killed in fresh fighting

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — Pakistani U.N. troops shot dead at least two Somali gunmen after their military base in the Somali capital Mogadishu was attacked Monday, witnesses said.

They said no Pakistanis were killed in a beavy exchange of fire which took place only hours after the Security Council demanded its peacekeeping troops in Somalia track down gunmen who shot dead at le st 23 Pakistanis in weekend .mbushes.

Reutras television cameraman Moh? amad Shaffi said U.S. reinforr ments were sent to the estani military compound on ober 21 road and took up per positions on top of nearby

"Somalis in a pick-up vehicle drove towards the barracks and suddenly started firing. The Pakistanis returned fire and the vehicle careered off the road," he said. "Two Somalis lay dead on

Survivors, including women,

Farrow gets

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress

Mia Farrow has been awarded

custody of her three children in a

dispute with her former lover,

Woody Allen, her lawyer said

State Supreme Court Judge Elliott Wilk also barred the fil-

maker for at least six months

from visiting with seven-year-old Dylan, the adopted daughter he

was accused of abusing, said Ms.

Farrow's laywer, Eleanor Alter.

leading lady parted in January

1992, after Ms. Farrow found

naked photographs of her oldest

adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Pre-vin, 22, in his apartment.

Their custody fight began last August after Ms. Farrow accused

Mr. Alien of molesting Dylan

during a visit to her home in

Bridgewater, Connecticut. An in-

dependent team of sex-abuse ex-

pents said the girl had not been

The ruling comes a month after

the end of a bitter public trial.

"It's everything I wanted to protect this family," Ms. Alter

said on emerging from the cour-

supervised visitation with five

yer-old Satchel, the couple's biological son. The judge ruled

that there would be no visitation

with Moses, who is their 15-year-

old adopted son, unless Moses

Mr. Allen's visits with Satchel

will be limited to two hours, three

According to Ms. Alter, Mr.

Allen must pay legal costs of the

The custody trial lasted seven

Separately, Ms. Yarrow has

isked the surrogate court to undo

Mr. Allen's adoption of Moses

and Dylan. Ms. Farrow said Mr.

Allen defrauded her and the

court by concealing that he was

sexually involved with Miss Pre-

vin. A hearing in that court was to be held Wednesday.

The 48-year-old actress has

charged that Mr. Allen defrauded

her and the court when he

adopted the two children, be-

cause he failed to disclose that he

was sexually involved with their

weeks, concluding with summa-

Mr. Allen, 57, was granted

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tions May 4.

times a week.

Mr. Allen and his longtime

custody of

children

took cover in nearby bushes and continued to fire at the Pakistani troops, he added.

Mohammad Farah Aideed, the Mogadishu warlord blamed by most independent analysts for the weekend violence (see page 2), told Reuters he was disappointed by the Security Council's unanimous vote to bring the perpetrators to instice.

"We are very disappointed the Security Council did not listen to our side, only to that of UN-OSOM (U.N. Operation in

General Aideed called for a neutral investigation to be conducted by a "- atral organisa-

"Otherwir 1 do not think the world will land for such injustice," he said.

The weekend death toll has risen to 23 after one of five Pakistani soldiers captured in the fighting, but released on Monday later died in hospital from gun-

FRANKFURT (AP) — Chancel-lor Helmut Kohl said Monday he

stayed away from memorial ser-

vices for five Turks killed in

neo-Nazi violence because he did

not want to be jeered in front of

The frank statement, which appeared to put political image

considerations ahead of solidarity

with the victims, was bound to

stir up a new round of criticism of

the embattled government chief.

of violence would stop, following the May 29 murders of the five

There were no signs the round

Arsonists attacked two more

houses where foreigners live,

causing no major injury or dam-

age. Four young Turks tried to

set fire to the office of a conserva-

tive political party, in retaliation

for the attacks on their compat-

Politicians debated whether the

rightist violence is organised, or

the result of drunken, disen-

chanted individuals.
Germany's ZDF television net-

work noted that chief prosecutor

Alexander von Stahl confirmed

that one of the four Solingen

suspects apparently was a mem-

ber of an extreme rightist political

said there was no indication that

one of the suspects belonged to

Investigators are scrambling to

find out just how widespread the

neo-Nazi sentiments are in Ger-

Germans could not be "generally

Defending his decision not to

attend the memorial service, Mr.

Kohl said: "I am not the one in

Germany who needs to catch up

He said going to the service

would have caused some groups

"I know which pictures go

troubles on social pressures damage.

around the world and which not.

on sympathy for the Turks."

to beckle him.

week's service.

accused of hate of foreigners."

an extreme rightist organisation.

the network noted.

television cameras.

Turks in Solingen.

Attacks continue in Germany:

Kohl defends his decision

Earlier, helicopter gunships hovered low over Mogadishu where foreign aid workers said U.N. troops were gearing up to go after Somali militiamen, widebelieved to come from Gen. Aideed's wing of the United Somali Congress (USC).

The U.N. says Saturday's attack, one of the bloodiest in the history of peacekeeping opera-tions, was "preconceived and pre-planned."

Pakistani Brigadier General Ikram Ul Hassan, commander of Pakistani troops in Somalia, told Reuters Television in an interview the attack on his men was "a vell-conceived action.

He declined to say what response United Nations forces in Mogadishu would take, but confirmed reports the multinational force was building up its military hardware.

"We do not have enough gear yet (tto go after the killers)," he said.

caused by the influx of hundreds

of thousands of impoverished re-

fugees from Eastern Europe and

However, critics, social com-

mentators and opposition politi-

cians have begun to say that the

roots go much deeper, reflecting

basic problems with German soci-

North Rhine-Westphalia, the

same western state where arson

killed the five Turks in Solingen.

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called firemen, who put out the

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lav province of Kosovo. The 30-

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In the town of Bergisch-

Gladbach, a burning blanket was

discovered on top of a rocking

horse in a house where several

Turkish families live. A man who

lives in the house discovered the

In Aschaffenburg, south of

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for light smoke inhalation.

The latest attacks came in

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Police said

In an interview with the Sat 1 Lebanese family with four chil-

cable channel, Mr. Kohl said the dren, a Syrian, a Pakistani and an

### member of the Palestinian negotiating team Saeb Erakat and

Palestinian Ambassador Al Tayyeb Abdul Rahim.

The King hosted a dinner in honour of Mr. Arafat and the

delegation accompanying him. in an interview with Petra upon

The Palestinians, he said, had promised their Arab partners in the peace talks - Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt — at an Amman meeting which concluded early Monday that "we would be positive in our participation in the peace process, but we hope at the same time that the Israeli side as well as the American side, which wants to play the role of a full partner, will be positive in their approach to the



His Majesty King Husseln Monday confers with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (left). At right is Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali

### King and Arafat hold talks

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arrival, Mr. Arafat, chairman of the PLO, said the Palestinians were awaiting a response from the U.S. administration to a 10point letter sent to Secretary of State Warren Christopher a few days ago before announcing their participation in the next round of Arab-Israeli bilateral peace talks.

He told Jordan Television that

his visit to Amman "comes at a crucial stage in the life of the Arab nation in general, and the Palestinian question in particular, especially that nothing was chieved on the Palestinian track in the bilateral talks. This calls for a basic move on

the part of the co-sponsors of the talks - the U.S. and Russia mainly the U.S., to make Israel respect the principles of the peace process, namely the principle of exchanging land for peace and the implementation U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 138," he said.

Mr. Arafat assailed Israel for its abuse of the human rights of the Palestinians in the occupied territories. He said the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis since the intifada began in 1987 had reached 1,237. He wished King Hussein suc-

cess in his trip to the U.S. next week and said Israeli measues in the territories and the sufferings of the Palestinian people add to the King's responsibilities.

King Hussein is scheduled to meet U.S. President Bill Clinton

### Arabs accept June 15 bilaterals

(Continued from page 1)

tion in the next round," Dr. Abdul Shafi told Reuters. He said the conviction had increased that "it is futile continuing the negotiating process" after nine rounds failed to produce any results.

Semor officials from the PLO, which has directed the Palestinian team, could not immediately be reached for comment on Dr. Abdul Shafi's remarks.

"Those who say there was talk about substance in the last round are trying to give a wrong imression... in fact there was totally nothing new... no real progress was achieved," he said.

### Arabiyat reports Majali's assurance

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task of overseeing the next general elections, expected to be held

In his letter of designation to the Majali government, the King said: "I am sure that you will guarantee for all men and women full equality in rights and duties and facilitate for all people the right to vote for the coming Parliament in a fair and free man-

This was interpreted by most observers as leaving the door open for changes in the Election Law towards a one-man-one-vote

In an interview with Reuters shortly after assuming office, Dr. Majali said: "We may change the law. We have not made a decision about changing or not changing the law." "The election will hopefully

take place on time and now we

are studying how to structure it according to the Constitution (which says) that every person is equal," Dr. Majali told Reuters. The Brotherhood, which had the advantage of being the best organised political group and won 23 scats in the 80-member Lower House in November 1989 elections under the present Election Law, opposes any government amendment to the legislation and insists that such a move should

pass through Parliament.

Parliament recessed in March after holding its last ordinary session, and the Constitution empowers the government to enact temporary laws when the legislative authority is in recess. But the Brotherhood argues that the legal term of the current Parliament will not end until the next elections and, as such, it should be convened if necessary to discuss such an important issue as elections.

Notwithstanding emphatic reiections by Brotherhood leaders. analysts see the Islamic movement's stand as a reflection of concern that the group stood to lose some of its seats in Parliament if a one-man-one vote system were introduced.

Dr. Arabiyat said Monday he was satisfied with the assurance provided by the prime minister. We are all going to participate in and contribute to any process related to the Election Law," he

said in a telephone interview. One of the ideas being floated around in the context of the Election Law is the formation of a national committee grouping all colours of the Jordanian political spectrum to discuss the legislation

The Brotherhood itself appeared to be split over possible nendments to the Election Law. Brotherhood Deputy Abdul Rahim Ekour was quoted as saying on Saturday that the movement would boycott the next elections if the law was amended without parliamentary endorsement. But fellow Deputy Ibrahim Kreisat, spokesman for

the Brotherhood bloc in the Lower House, said Sunday there was no such decision and that the movement was committed to participating in the polls regardless of any changes in the legislation. In its report on Monday's meeting between the prime inister and the House speaker.

Petra also quoted Dr. Majali as saying that his government was "determined to pursue the process of construction and to enhance the principles and goals of democracy, freedom and jus-Dr. Arabiyat, who had called

on Dr. Majali to congratulate him on the formation of his government, was quoted by Petra as saying in a separate statement that it was "important to maintain and strengthen the democratic process and support and nurture the principles of (democratic) institutions and the prevalence of law in the country." "The democratic institutions in

Jordan have a basic and essential role to play in this process and in enhancing national unity," Dr. Arabiyat was quoted as saying. The House speaker told the Jordan Times that he and Dr. Majali also discussed the 19-monthold Middle East peace process,

another area where the Brotherhood is at odds with the govern-The prime minister noted that progress might vary in the different tracks of (Arab-Israeli) negotiations since each party has different issues on its agenda." Dr. Arabiyat said. "But he reaffirmed that no agreement would be reached except as part of a

comprehensive settlement to the

conflict." Dr. Majali, who headed Jordan's negotiating team to the peace talks with Israel until his appointment as prime minister. also reiterated the Kingdom's stand that "any decision related to the Palestinian dimension of the conflict has to be taken by the Palestinian delegation itself and that the Kingdom would not assume "any role in this regard," Dr. Arabiyat said.

Dr. Arabiyat, widely seen as representing the moderate wing of the Brotherhood, declined further comment.

### Report Charles gave up woman friend 2 years ago

LONDON (AP) — A tabloid newspaper reported Monday that Prince Charles "gave up" his relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles two years ago — long before publication of the "Camillagate" tape of an intimate conversation allegedly between the two. The Daily Express of quoted an unidentified "friend of the prince" as saying a new book about Mrs. Parker Bowles will in P. T. open up old wounds just as Charles, 44, and his estranged wife, Princess Diana, are getting on with their lives. The newspaper quoted another nameless friend of Charles as saying "it was all so unnecessary. ... The prince: Shill a ended his relationship with Camilla two years ago, in the spring of 1991. He knew he had to give her up and he did." The to give her up and he did." The Sun newspaper, a competitor of the Daily Express, on Monday began serialising the new book, the Daily Express, on Monday began serialising the new book, "The King's Mistress," by Caro line Graham. The first installment quotes a former schoolmate and a former boyfriend of 45year-old Mrs. Parker Bowles as saying that when she was young she talked frequently about her great-grandmother Alice Keppel, longtime mistress of King Edward VII — who was the greatgreat-grandfather of Prince Charles. It says Charles and Camilla Shand met in 1970, three years before her marriage to Andrew Parker Bowles and 11 years before his marriage to Lady Diana Spencer.

### Robert Kennedy remembered in emotional service

WASHINGTON (R) — President Bill Clinton joined the Ken-nedy family at Arlington National Cemetery Sunday for an emo-tional tribute to Robert Kennedy, whose assassination while standing for president 25 years ago stunned the U.S. Some 18,000 people attended the outdoor mass to remember Mr. Kennedy and to hear readings of his works by family members, supporters and friends. Robert Kennedy, who served as attorney general under his brother, President John Three List Kennedy, was gunned down at a Harry Mil Los Angeles hotel June 5, 1968, by Sirhan Sirhan shortly after winning a key Camorina primary. He was 42. Five 12/5 it Williams years ago the country remembered the legacy of his brother, siracis the 35th U.S. president, in a similar tribute.

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### Malaysian prince may be manipulating his children

MELBOURNE (R) — A Malaysian prince at the centre of an international custody battle may be manipulating and traumatising his two children by using them in media interviews, an Australian judge said Monday. Family court judge Hubert Frederico refused to overturn a ban he imposed a month ago on publication in Australia of interviews with the two strain of children. He said Prince Raja strain Kamarul Bahrin Shah, who abducted the children from Australia last July, had allowed them to be interviewed and filmed, causing "concern that the children are being manipulated by the father to achieve his own ends and being further traumatised in the process." The prince took his son Iddin, 10, and daugher Shahira, seven, to Malaysia last year, defying a court order which had awarded custody of the children to his former wife, Jacqueline Gillespie.

### Pennsylvania climber is 1st blind woman atop McKinley

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) -Roped to her twin sons for safety, Joni Phelps inched her way to the top of Mount McKinley, missed her step near a 9,000-foot (2,750metre) plunge, then quickly regained her footing. Ms. Phelps, a mountain climber from Pennsylvania, never saw the danger. She has been blind almost half her life. 'They were describing it to me very gently," Ms. Phelps, 54, said Friday of the stumble during her climb May 30. "They didn't tell me the worst of it." The national park service says Ms. Phelps apparently is the first blind woman to scale the 20, 300-foot (6,191-metre) peak, North America's tallest. Ms. Pheips' 29-year-old sons moved to Alaska four years ago looking for adventure, but climbing McKinley was their mother's idea. Ms. Phelpsihas relied on a guide dog since she was 30 - she began losing her vision in high school. She never gave up her love of the outdoors and has travelled the world.

# Indian sailors run aground without a ship

Staff Reporter

an sailors who went to court and won their claims for outstanding pay is now trying to paddle through another legal wrangle, but their chances of a quick docking appear to be nowhere near the horizon. Their ship has already been

auctioned, and they have seproceeds of the auction sale, but the problem is far from over since no court ruling has been made on claims filed by the Agaba Port Authority and the agents of the vessel.

marine laws say the crew are given first priority in settling claims arising from disputes over vessels but after paying the outstanding dues to the

The crewmembers are now stuck in Agaba trying to enlist support for their demand that their court-approved claim oured and they should not have to wait for the outcome of other related cases pending in

The story, as told by shipping sources and the crew. started in January 1992 when the ship, Ibn Majed, a 2,304tonne deadweight vessel owned by a firm based in Shariah. the United Arab Emirates (UAE), was detained at Aqaba following an order se-cured by a UAE bank which held a mortgage on the ship. The owners had apparently defaulted in meeting the terms of

Three other claims followed: From the Port Authority, the agents of the ship and the 11

to have been Iraqi had so bearing on the case). (Sources said all the docu-

ments related to the cargo

were in order as far as the

ship's crew were concerned

and therefore, the vessel or the

crewmembers.
(The fact that the vessel had taken in a load of dates described in documents as a Tunisian origin but suspected

were upheld in a ruling by an

Aqaba court and the ship was auctioned off on Jan. 17, 1993, for JD 126,000. The crew, who are claiming about JD 62,000 (\$89,000 plus air passage home), were supposed to have been paid from the auction proceeds, but the funds were immediately frozen pending the outcome of the cases filed by the Port Authority and the ship's agents.

The Port Authority's claim totals around JD 110,000. which, if honoured first, will leave the crew with less than 10 per cent of their dues. There is also the possibility that this amount may still be subject to other reductions such as legal charges.

"We are stuck here now." said Denzil Aranha, the young captain of the Ibn Majed. "Having had to leave the ship late last month to the new owners, we have no shelter

from doing so by the Port Authority, which cited the "safe manning" requirement of the vessel as the reason for "Now, they tell us we can

comment from the Port Au-In the meantime, the case in court is dragging on with no definite sign of when the Port Authority's claim would be

"What is being overlooked in the entire affair is our plight," said the captain. "We are in a foreign country with little help from anyone, and we have no means to sustain

"In the first place, the claims would not have accumulated to . high proportions if the case was heard and settled as a+ matter of priority since foreign sailors were involved," he asserted.

He cited Article 50 of the

which says that the crew has charges, excluding anchorage "The bulk of the amount

"The Port Authority is entidocking, piloting etc. as priority settlement, but anchorage

fees could be paid only after

settling all claims of the crew." The Foreign Ministry in a message dated April 3, 1993, has acknowledged the validity of this argument; so have several lawyers familiar with the International Marine Law. But that has not solved the

"As every day passes, we are

### That's why I know how I have to Frankfurt, police arrested four act," said Mr. Kohl, referring to Turks aged between 16 and 18, the television coverage of the after they tried to set fire to the Solingen aftermath. He was wide- office of the Christian Social Unly criticised for skipping last ion, the arch-conservative party in the federal government coali-Mr. Kohl blamed the rightist tion. There was only minimal

By a Jordan Times

AMMAN - A group of Indi-

cured a court order for the release of their dues from the Experts in international

concerned port authorities for docking and piloting and other related charges, except anchorage fees and agency claims. In the meantime, the new owners have taken possession of the vessel and took it out of Aqaba waters, after relieving the former crew of their re-

sponsibilities.

crew could not have been beld responsible).

The crewmembers' claims

Four of the original 11 crewmemebers left Jordan shortly after the wrangle developed. When the others wanted to leave, they were prevented

leave, but how can we do that without collecting our dues." asked Capt. Aranha. No official from the Port Authority was available for specific comment. One official, who refused to identify himself, said: "The affair is in court and there will not be any

heard and ruled on.

International Marine Law the first right to settlement of claims after paying all port

sought by the Port Authority is anchorage fees and this is not covered under Article 50. Capt. Aranha told the Jordan tled to all charges related to

problem since the court has to make its own ruling.

getting deeper and deeper into difficulties." said Capt. Aranha. "We simply don't know how we can survive here without help amid the uncertainties that surround the case, which we thought we had won when the court ruled in our and introduce possible amendments if necessary.

